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Ohio Supercomputer Comes on Line

by Tom Ressler

A \$6.5 million investment in the future—



Campus Supercomputer users include, from left to right, Wayne Koberna, computing and learning services; John Howell, zoological and biomedical sciences and osteopathic medicine; Gary Pfeiffer, chemistry; and David Onley, physics.

Supercomputer provides researchers with power to solve problems that previously defied solution.

It's among the fastest, most powerful computers in the world, and its availability to Ohio University researchers promises to open new vistas in their quest for knowledge. It's the State of Ohio's \$6.5 million supercomputer,

to which Ohio University has been linked since early January. Housed in the Ohio Supercomputer Center in Columbus and manufactured by Cray Research Inc., the supercomputer was proposed by the Ohio Board of Regents and funded by the General Assembly.

Available free to university researchers whose proposals are accepted, it provides power to solve problems that once defied solution.

"There's no question about it, the supercomputer's power and speed allows researchers to go far beyond the boundaries imposed by lesser machines," says Wayne Koberna, manager of the instruction and research center in University Computing and Learning Services.

Koberna, who coordinates University interaction with the supercomputer, says the Cray X-MP/24 makes the University's central mainframe computers—themselves among the world's most powerful just a few years ago—look like has-beens. The supercomputer can run complex programs more than 100 times faster than the mainframes.

A sampling of comments from the 20 Ohio University researchers currently using the supercomputer supports Koberna's observations.

"It was taking us 55 minutes of mainframe computer time to run a 16-millisecond simulation; on the supercomputer, we can run a 36-millisecond simulation in only 12 seconds of computer time," says John Howell, associate professor of zoology and biomedical sciences.

For 10 years, Howell, a member of a research team supported in part by the College of Osteopathic Medicine, has been investigating the basic mechanisms of how muscles function. His work involves understanding complex processes that control nerve and muscle tissue, and his success depends to some degree on "modeling," or simulating, those reactions on a computer.

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The Cray helps him do that, and more. "One of the rules of computer programming is to make the most of computer time and power by always writing programs to be as efficient as possible," Howell says. "The Cray's power and speed, however, make this less critical, which means I can spend more time doing research and less time fussing with programming."

Gary Pfeiffer, associate professor of chemistry, also is using the Cray to simulate chemical reactions.

"The Cray is a fantastic number cruncher which, in essence, enables me to go from a two-dimensional to a three-dimensional approach," Pfeiffer says.

He explains that his research, being done with David Ewing of John Carroll University, centers around using computer-generated models to study electrical conduction in graphite.

"Our work concerns two aspects of the nature of matter: very small realms, consisting of only a few atoms, and large-scale modeling, which addresses questions of everyday interest."

Pfeiffer wants to understand what happens to graphite when other atoms settle on its surface and enter into its layered structure. He hopes to learn if graphite will catalyze these atoms to react with one another and if these atoms, in turn, will change the properties of graphite to make it perhaps a better electrical conductor.

"The supercomputer will help us extend our investigations from small collections of atoms to larger collections. It will help us get a little closer to scientific applications," Pfeiffer says.

David Onley and Louis Wright, professors of physics, have been using a supercomputer for the past three years to carry out basic research into nuclear reactions that is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

A major catch, however, was that the supercomputer was located at the Livermore National Laboratory in California.

"There are several advantages of having a supercomputer in Columbus, not the least of which is having greater — and quicker — access to it," Onley says, noting that national supercomputers such as the one at Livermore are very busy.

"Due to the large demand placed on it, the Livermore supercomputer often had a very slow response, which meant a lot of time spent on the telephone line. Also, telephone noise on a computer line translates into characters that get inserted into the data, so having to work with a supercomputer on the other side of the continent could present some real problems."

One problem noted by all the researchers is that the University's connection to the supercomputer is not yet interactive. That means that they cannot "talk to the supercomputer, but instead must send it programs and then await the result of its running data through those programs."

"We now are working to establish an interactive connection to the supercomputer, which we expect to have in place early this quarter," says Koberna.

Speaking of connections, Koberna notes one final aspect of the supercomputer: its ability to link researchers at different sites.

"Through a variety of networks, some in place and some planned, researchers can interact with their colleagues around the nation and even the world," Koberna says.

"The supercomputer represents not only a great computing resource, but also helps pull together human resources. It connects the University to the rest of the world."

By 1989, Ohio's researchers hope to have the next generation of supercomputer, the Cray YMP-832, as a research tool, thanks to state funding. It would have eight central processors, compared to the X-MP's two, would function twice as fast and have 32 million words of memory.

Across the College Green

Applications up for 1988 freshman class

For the sixth straight year, the Admissions Office recorded an increase in the number of applications for the 3,000 slots in the freshman class.

When admissions closed March 1, some 10,550 applications had been received, compared to 9,177 last year, according to Director of Admissions James Walters.

He attributes the more than 14 percent increase to a number of factors:

"There's no doubt that our increasing academic reputation plays a part," Walters says. "We also have what I call 'programs for the time'—the programs in communications, physical therapy and business that people want."

"Another important factor is that ours is the classic residential campus."

Freshman admissions to the College of Business Administration closed Jan. 15, two weeks ahead of last year's closing date. The college received 2,800 applications for 350 openings.

The E.W. Scripps School of Journalism stopped accepting applications in early January.

Innovation Center boasts \$3.5 million impact

Business is good at the Ohio University Innovation Center, according to the small business incubator's annual report.

The figures showed a doubling of income for the center's 12 firms and a 28 percent increase in employment provided by the fledgling businesses.

For 1987, the center boasted a total economic impact of \$3.5 million in client earnings, state incubator subsidies and contracts for activities that will be continued in 1988 and 1989.

Center employment of 51 is expected to increase to 77 by the end of 1988, the report said, as three high-tech firms add employees.

The center on President Street provides start-up and fledgling firms with low-overhead space, general business support services, business and technical consulting and access to laboratories and equipment.

Services provided also included the work of more than 60 graduate and undergraduate students employed by the incubator and its tenants to help solve client problems. Projects included graphic design, marketing, bookkeeping, engineering, advertising and public relations.

While providing low-cost services, the students gained "real life" experience, valuable training and class credit.

Center clients also received help from University faculty. An example is Golden Soy Foods, which obtained seven months' shelf stability for its salad dressings and sandwich spreads by working with a University biochemist.

Businesses in the center range from several high-tech firms producing products based on recombinant genetics to a tie-dye studio producing t-shirts and other apparel.

Established in 1983, the Innovation Center is directed by Dr. Wilfred Konneker, 43, MS '47, LLD '80. Associate director is Dinah Adkins '68, MA '73.

Top mathematics education award goes to Pikaart

Dr. Len Pikaart, the University's Robert L. Morton Professor of Mathematics Education, was named the winner of the 1988 Christofferson-Fawcett Award of the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

The award from the 3,500-member council recognizes distinguished service and leadership in mathematics education.

For the past two years, Pikaart has directed a national project to prepare 450 mathematics educators to help teachers integrate computer technology into mathematics instruction. A \$334,000 National Science Foundation grant supports the project.

Pikaart has previously directed 23 federally-supported projects for mathematics teachers, supervisors and students.



Richard R. Polen

New alumni director moves into Konneker

Richard R. Polen, a seasoned professional in the field of alumni relations, began his duties as the University's new director of alumni relations on April 18.

He came to campus from West Virginia University, where he had been executive director of an independent alumni association for 100,000 WVU graduates.

"Dick Polen's track record includes successes in every area of alumni activity," said Dr. Martha A. Turnage, vice president for University Relations.

One of those successes was a fund-raising campaign to raise \$1.7 million for an Alumni Center on the WVU campus.

A 1968 journalism graduate of West Virginia University, Polen served as assistant and associate director before becoming director in 1982. He had earlier served as WVU sports information director and as editor of alumni publications, including an award-winning magazine.

"I feel fortunate to be coming into an organization that is already well-rounded and has a broad overall program," Polen said when his appointment was announced.

"I'm excited about getting into the program at a stage when Ohio University is gaining more and more recognition on the national level."

On campus, Polen heads a full-time staff of seven, administers all alumni activities for more than 108,000 alumni and manages an annual budget of more than \$500,000.

He also serves as executive director of the Ohio University Alumni Association and oversees operation of Konneker Alumni Center.

Polen succeeded W. Barry Adams '74, MA '83, who is now executive vice president of the Society of Alumni at the College of William and Mary.



Dr. Sue DeWine

DeWine named director for School of Interpersonal Communication

Dr. Sue Dewine, a member of the faculty since 1977, will become director of the School of Interpersonal Communication July 1.

She is the first woman to head a school in the College of Communication, and was one of the first two women to become full professors in the college.

Her selection as director came after a national search, according to Dean of the College of Communication Paul E. Nelson.

"Sue DeWine is an internationally known expert in organizational communication who has earned a reputation as an outstanding teacher, scholar and leader in her field," Nelson said in announcing the appointment.

On campus, her teaching, advising, and service on more than 100 master's and PhD committees brought her the Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award and selection as speaker for the 1987 advanced degree commencement.

In 1987 she also won the Student Affairs Faculty Contribution Award for her work with student organizations.

DeWine has gained an international reputation through her numerous publications and presentations, association with professional organizations and training and consultant work.

She serves on the executive board of the International Communication Association and heads ICA's 500-member Organizational Communication Division. She is also on the editorial boards of eight journals in communication areas.

Academic Challenge Award funds Literary Festival

New money has given the English department's Literary Festival a new lease on life.

A \$175,000 Academic Challenge grant from the Board of Regents through Ohio's Selective Excellence Program will fund the festival for the next two years.

In April, six well-known American writers came to campus to read from their work and lecture during the third Spring Literary Festival.

Among them were Pulitzer Prize-winners W.S. Merwin and Rita Dove. Merwin, acknowledged as one of the most important poets of our time, has published more than 30 books of poetry, prose and translations and won nearly every major prize offered to poets.

Dove received the 1987 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for her book *Thomas and Beulah*. Drawing on her experience as a black woman in America, she has also written a book of short fiction and two other books of poetry.

She serves as poetry editor of *Callaloo: A Journal of Afro-American and African Arts and Letters*.

Other writers featured included Rosellen Brown, William Gass, Jesse Lee Kercheval and William Matthews. Brown's best known novel, *Tender Mercies*, was made into an Academy Award-winning movie. Her work in fiction and poetry has brought her two O'Henry Prizes, a National Council on the Arts Award and major National Endowment for the Arts and Guggenheim grants.

Author of several novels, collections of short stories and books of essays, Gass is considered by some observers to have had more influence on American fiction than any other writer now at work.

Kercheval is recognized as an up-and-coming talent who has published one book of short stories, *The Dog-eater*, and recently finished her first novel, *Queen of the Underground Woman*.

Matthews has published 13 books of highly regarded poetry. His latest are *Rising and Falling*, *Flood*, *A Happy Childhood* and *Forseeable Futures*, works noted for their elegant, probing and often humorous style.

Wayne Dodd, creative writing faculty member, and one of the original organizers of the Literary Festival, said that without the Regents award the festival would have folded.

"It was a real shot in the arm when we needed it," he said. "Without question, the festival speaks for both the energy of our creative writing program and its established position in the minds of writers nationwide."

University to receive \$22 million for improvement projects

The two-year \$615.7 million capital improvements bill proposed by Gov. Richard Celeste and passed by the Ohio Legislature in March awarded the University more than \$22 million for projects on the Athens and regional campuses.

The largest project to be funded on the Athens campus is the \$6.3 million renovation of the old Chemistry Building, which will become the University's computer center.

Renovating the theater facilities in Kanner Hall will cost \$4.9 million. Improvements at Peden Stadium will take \$2 million, and another \$1.7 million will fund basic renovations on the Athens campus.

Regional campus projects at Belmont, Chillicothe, Ironton and Zanesville will receive \$7.3 million.

The capital improvements budget also includes \$22 million for the Cray Y-MP supercomputer at the Ohio Supercomputer Center (see related story on page 1).

Higher education got the lion's share of the 1988-90 capital improvements bill, with a total of \$416 million going to projects on Ohio's campuses.

More than 90 percent of the total budget will be funded by long-term capital improvement bonds, with \$47.4 million coming from the general fund.



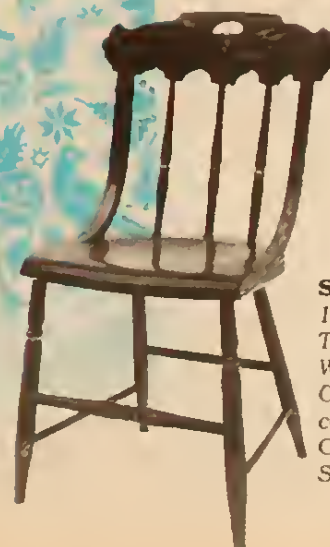
"High Style and Vernacular," an April exhibit of the work of 19th century craftsmen in Chillicothe, Ironton, Lancaster, St. Clairsville and Zanesville, closed Ohio University's celebration of the Bicentennial of the Northwest Ordinance. Organized by Dr. Catherine McQuaid Stetner of the Department of Interior Design and Dr. Bruce Steiner of the Department of History, the exhibit at the Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Arts Center included 140 items ranging from coverlets and furniture to engravings and silver. The scholarly catalogue for the show included an essay by historian Bruce Steiner and biographical sketches of 518 craftsmen working in the five cities between 1800-1850. "High Style and Vernacular" was supported by the Ohio Arts Council and Ohio Humanities Council Joint Program, the University's 1804 Fund, the College of Health and Human Services, the School of Home Economics and the Dairy Barn. Vice President for University Relations Martha Turnage, who chaired the bicentennial committee, noted that most events centered on Athens, but this show focused on regional campus cities that were thriving urban centers when Athens was a small village.

Eight Day Time and Strike Clock, ca. 1840-1845, the work of Theodore Schwabe of Zanesville. From the collection of Walter and Kathryn Sandel.

Amber Glass Violin Whiskey Bottle, ca. 1824-1838, attributed to Joseph Sheppard & Co., Zanesville. From the collection of the Pioneer and Historical Society of Muskingum County.



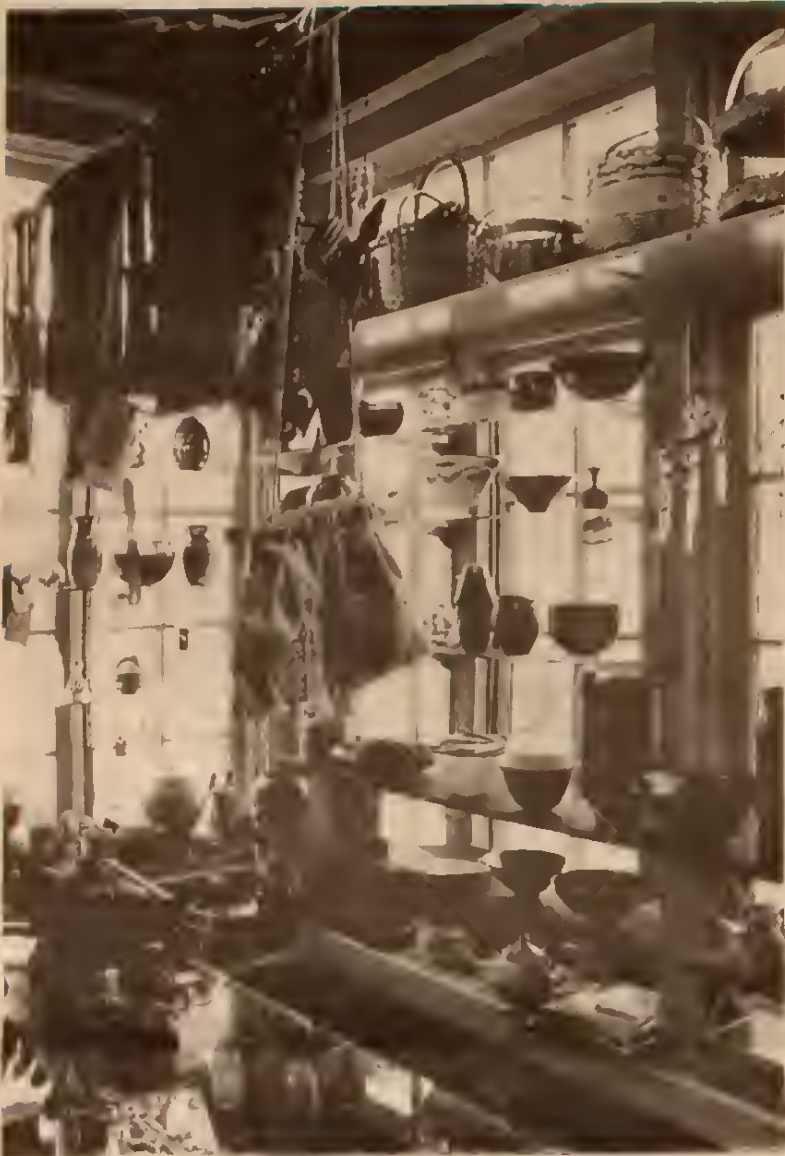
Coverlet woven by George Heilbroan. From the collection of the Fairfield Heritage Association Inc. in Lancaster.



Side Chair, ca. 1825, by Joseph Thoits Moore and William Y. Emmett of Chillicothe. From the collection of the Ross County Historical Society.

Across the College Green continued

CHRISTINE KEITH



The Trisolini Gallery Shop. Split white oak baskets, handblown glass, stained glass panels, ceramic bowls and vases, bird and animal carvings, jewelry, paintings, fiber and folk art by Southeast Ohio artists and craftsmen are available year-round in the Trisolini Gallery Shop at 48 E. Union. Alumni and University friends planning trips to campus or the region can stock up on one-of-a-kind gifts from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

'Big Tree on Campus' wins runner-up status

A green ash tree (*fraxinus pennsylvanica*) on the College Green west of Memorial Auditorium has shaded a lot of campus history.

Ninety feet tall, 148 inches in circumference, with a crown spread of 67 feet, the giant ash was nominated for listing in the Ohio Division of Forestry's Ohio Big Tree Program as one of the largest specimens of its kind in the state.

There are currently 300 trees in the register as champions, co-champions or runner-up trees in the category reserved for native species or those naturalized to the United States. Eight trees on the list are national champions.

The University's big tree is believed to be about 120 years old, which means it put its roots down on campus right after the Civil War.

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Faculty member serves as adviser for London production of O'Neill play

Spring break, Dr. William Condee of the School of Theater flew to London to see the production of Eugene O'Neill's *A Touch of the Poet* that he had helped shape.

Supported by a grant from the Ohio University Research Committee, Condee had served as dramaturg (literary adviser) for the Young Vic Theatre production starring Vanessa Redgrave and Timothy Dalton.

When he learned from George Sherman, head of the School of Theater's graduate directing program, that the Young Vic planned to produce the O'Neill play, Condee saw a chance to combine his practical theater background and his research interests.

His first step was to conduct research on O'Neill, the play and the late 1820s period in which it is set. That took him to the Beinecke Rare Book Library at Yale, where O'Neill's papers are housed, and to the Performing Arts Library of the New York Public Library at Lincoln Center.

Armed with xeroxed copies of O'Neill's rough drafts, notes and sketches of sets for the play, Condee headed to London for three days with the cast and director David Thacker as they began rehearsals late last year.

"We spent three eight-hour days reading slowly through the play," Condee said. "When there was a question, we'd stop and talk. Sometimes one line of the play could provoke an hour-long discussion."

"A lot of the discussion focused on Vanessa Redgrave's political orientation," he said. "She took a Marxist interpretation of the play, and it was interesting to witness both her clearly informed point of view and the willingness of other cast members to disagree with her."

A Touch of the Poet opened to good reviews, moved from the Young Vic to a week in Brighton and is now at the Comedy Theatre in London's West End.

The production marks the first major London presentation of the play. It is also part of a world-wide celebration of the centennial of O'Neill's birth.

His first venture as a dramaturg was "an exciting process," Condee said. "Probably my main contribution was providing the actors with O'Neill's notes on their characters and giving insights into the play's historical context." Condee earned his master's from Vassar (with a thesis on O'Neill) and his PhD in theater history from Columbia, and he has worked as stage manager and director for a number of professional theaters.

Ohio University is connected with the Young Vic through the School of Theater's European Internship Program, which George Sherman created. Winter Quarter, MFA candidate Debra Nitzberg served an internship as assistant to the director of *A Touch of the Poet*.

"The Young Vic is a particularly valued internship site, since it tends to give students greater opportunity to participate, not only observe," Sherman commented.

Modern Languages Department named outstanding program

The Department of Modern Languages was named Outstanding College Program in Ohio for 1988 by the Ohio Foreign Language Association.

"I think we won this award largely because we have been extraordinarily active in outreach activities," said Dr. Richard Danner, department chairman.

Those outreach activities include an annual Language Fair and a week-long language camp for high school students; the Ohio Valley Foreign Language Alliance, which offers professional development programs for language teachers; and intensive language/culture immersion weekend workshops.

The department has also been active in curricular development. An example is its collaboration with the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism on a six-quarter sequence of courses in French and Spanish for journalism and communications majors.

Dr. Lois Vines, associate professor of modern languages, was named the Outstanding College Teacher in Ohio for 1988 by the OFLA.



The Sammy Kaye Collection. Music and popular culture historians will find rich material in the collection of scores, arrangements, scrapbooks, records, instruments, photographs and other memorabilia from a memorable life that Sammy Kaye '32 left to his alma mater. Kaye organized his first band while on campus and opened a popular nightspot in what's now the lower-level of Logan's Book Store. His career took off from there, and spanned more than five decades until his death in 1987. Along the way, he added the phrase "Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye" to the national vocabulary, had more than 100 hit records, hosted the long-running NBC "Sunday Serenade" program, and had shows on all three television networks. George Bain, head of archives and special collections in Alden Library, says the collection includes everything from Kaye's golf clubs to the megaphone he used in his popular "So You Want to Lead a Band" routine. Acting Director of the School of Music David Lewis comments that "Viewing the collection is like seeing the whole big band swing era come alive." Kaye, who served on the Alumni Board and was a Medal of Merit recipient, also endowed a scholarship for a major in pop or contemporary music.

CHRISTINE KEITH

Geologists research causes of radon contamination

Ohio University researchers are doing their part to control the spread of radon contamination in the state.

The University received a grant for \$66,500 in early March to research the causes of radon contamination associated with glacial deposits in a 12-county area of Ohio where the potential risks may be high.

The 15-month research effort, which has been funded by the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, will be directed by Geoffrey Smith, professor of geological sciences, and Royal Mapes, an associate professor of geological sciences.

According to Smith and Mapes, the study will be the first in the state specifically directed toward assessing the relationship between glacial materials and radon contamination.

Radon is an odorless, colorless gas that is responsible for as many as 20,000 deaths annually and is the leading cause of lung cancer after smoking, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. The gas exists at levels considered harmful by the EPA in 10 percent of the nation's homes.

A radioactive by-product of decaying uranium, radon is found in small amounts in all soil and rock and in larger amounts in some phosphates, granites and shales. It then disintegrates into radioactive particles, which can cause lung cancer when inhaled.

Ohio University's research will document the factors controlling radon concentration in Ohio homes located on or near significant glacial deposits.

Many types of glacial deposits appear to be directly related to surface concentrations of uranium, according to Smith and Mapes. As a result, they are likely to be a major source of dispersed radon gas in much of Ohio.

The study will take place in the following counties: Logan, Champaign, Union, Miami, Franklin, Fairfield, Pickaway, Ross, Summit, Portage, Wayne and Stark. Those counties were chosen, according to the researchers, because they will provide a wide sampling of different types of glacial deposits.

Glacial deposits cover about two-thirds of the state of Ohio.

"There has been a lack of reliable data on the causes of radon in the state," Smith said. "Regardless of our results, at least we will have established systematic data for 12 counties to draw some conclusions and show the relationships between glacial deposits and radon contamination."

Math conference draws international participants

It was obviously a conference whose time had come. An international meeting of mathematicians, sponsored by Ohio University and the U.S. Office of Naval Research, was expected to draw 100 participants to a March 21-25 program in Athens.

It was titled the "International Conference on Theory and Applications of Differential Equations," and interest in it exceeded the expectations of the sponsors. Ohio University and the U.S. Office of Naval Research.

More than 275 mathematicians from 30 countries asked to participate, and this required moving the conference to the Hyatt on Capital Square in downtown Columbus.

"In general, it's very hard for mathematicians around the world to communicate," said Reza Afsharizadeh, an Ohio University mathematician and a coordinator of the conference. "This brought a large number of mathematical minds together, and that helps keep everyone informed on what research is going on in the field."

Mathematics professors Shih-liang Wen and Donald Norris, present and past chairmen of their department, were co-coordinators of the conference.

Two Nobel Peace Prize winners visit campus spring quarter

Adolfo Perez Esquivel, the 1980 Nobel Peace Prize winner, and Elie Wiesel, the 1986 winner, spoke on campus spring quarter.

The 56-year-old Perez Esquivel is an Argentine human rights activist who was tortured and imprisoned by Argentina's military junta.

The author of numerous articles and the book *Christ in a Poncho*, Perez Esquivel has focused his recent work on the situation in Central America and the increase in political violence in Peru and Chile.

The topic for his April speech was "Nonviolence and Social Change in Latin America."

Wiesel, a survivor of the Nazi death camps, has been described as an eloquent, unflinching witness to the horrors of the Holocaust. The author of eight novels, several volumes of essays and short stories, a play and a memoir, he is a professor of humanities at Boston University.

The topic of his May 9th speech was "When the Unthinkable Happens: Implications of a Holocaust for the Nuclear Arms Race."

Fifth annual Baker Peace Conference focuses on Presidential selection

The Hon. George W. Ball, under-secretary of state in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, was the keynote speaker for the fifth annual Baker Peace Conference, held on campus in late April.

Topic for the 1988 conference was "Politics, Peace and the Selection of the President."

Sessions covered the relationship of domestic politics to foreign policy; foreign policy and the 1988 Presidential campaign; and public opinion, foreign policy and the domestic political process.

Each year, the two-day conference attracts scholars and interested members of the public. It is one of several activities at Ohio University made possible through the John and Elizabeth Baker Peace Studies Endowment, which President Emeritus and Mrs. Baker established to encourage greater attention to questions of peace and war in the nuclear era.

Distinguished Professor of History John Gaddis is the conference coordinator.

State acts to protect University-owned primeval forest from potential mining damage

Concern expressed by individuals, citizen groups and the University and reported widely in the media helped move the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to request North American Coal Co. to change plans to mine adjacent to Dysart Woods in Belmont County.

Dysart Woods—a 50-acre tract of virgin forestland located seven miles from the University's Belmont campus—was placed on the National Registry of Natural Landmarks in 1968.

Part of the 455-acre Dysart farm purchased by the University in 1966 through the efforts of the Ohio University Fund, Inc., the forest has served since then as a highly valued teaching-research laboratory and nature preserve.

Dysart Woods is the largest known remnant of the original forests of Southeastern Ohio and part of less than 1,000 acres of virgin timber surviving in the area between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River.

In a March announcement of ODNR action on NACCO's plans for both longwall and traditional mining near Dysart, an ODNR spokesman called the preserve "a precious part of Ohio's natural heritage."

Dysart Woods contains a large stand of white oak and tulip poplar with many trees



Dysart Woods. The 50-acre University-owned virgin forest in Belmont County boasts many trees three to four hundred years old and three to four feet in diameter.

between 300 and 400 years old. Many are three to four feet in diameter, and the largest is a tulip poplar six feet in diameter.

Dr. Irwin Ungar, chairman of the Department of Botany and director of the Dysart Woods Laboratory, said that the University established a buffer zone around the forest in 1975 "to protect both the aesthetics of the area and the water relations."

"We felt that mining posed a two-fold threat: the possibility of acid water draining into the woods and the problem of lowering the water table and reducing the amount of water available for plant growth," Ungar said.

The longwall mining proposed by NACCO within the buffer zone would lead to "fairly rapid subsidence of the land within three to four months," he said, noting that the average subsidence is predicted to be four-and-a-half feet.

"Room and pillar," another form of mining proposed for areas adjacent to the woods, would cause subsidence problems over a longer term, Ungar said.

"We'd prefer that the ODNR establish the tract as a non-minable area," he said, "but this move is an important step. It may have established a precedent in requiring a study be done before any mining can begin."

The University is pledged to preserve the forest in its natural state, and no commercial development is allowed. The woods attract several thousand visitors each year, many of them schoolchildren. No picnicking or camping facilities exist, but are available in nearby Barcamp State Park.

Information on Dysart Woods can be obtained by writing Dr. Ungar at 305 Porter Hall or calling him at 614/593-1126.

Toward the Third Century: Issues and Choices for Ohio University

Facing change and new expectations

In 1985, after 10 years at Ohio University, President Charles Ping organized a small colloquium to hold monthly discussions on what the issues and choices for the University would be in its third century, beginning in 2004.

Ping's directives to his colleagues were to anticipate the future expectations and needs of society, and to analyze the options for the University, based on its historic and potential strengths.

The monthly sessions provoked intense discussions, ran late into the evenings and continued for two-and-a-half years.

Last October, a report from the colloquium went before the University under the title "Toward the Third Century: Issues and Choices for Ohio University." Through a series of campus forums, the report gained further input from University-wide discussion.

By March, the colloquium's report was adopted as the University's education plan for well into the 21st century, a far longer view than the just completed 1978-88 plan.

The Third Century report focuses on describing the external environment in which the University will operate, and defining the University's internal choices for undergraduate education and for graduate education and research.

The report presents broad guidelines for ordering institutional priorities and resource allocations. Shorter-term agendas to support the priorities will be developed by academic units and divisions within the University.

Addressing the question of what the University can expect in its third century, the report identifies an expanding role for all state universities.

Because public education cannot be strong if the state is economically weak, the report predicts that universities will be increasingly involved in helping Ohio develop new economic potential through education and research. The state will

It is obvious that the national and state agendas are enlisting educational institutions in economic revitalization.

continue to offer incentive funding through Edison research centers, business incubators and research challenge grants.

Social changes will require universities to provide education to

meet problems in areas such as public health, the erosion of values and retraining opportunities for all ages.

Students will continue to demand career preparation, and universities will be held accountable for the education they offer, as measured by the performance of students and graduates.

Universities will be expected to share responsibility for developing increased quality in primary and secondary education.

The regional service mission of institutions like Ohio University will expand, and there will be a growing insistence for the internationalization of the curriculum.

Undergraduate education will continue to be the primary task of the University, and the colloquium gave priority to maintaining high quality in the programs the University offers.

Breadth and diversity in professional and liberal arts programs are recognized as desirable. But the report states the colloquium's firm decision that when resources are strained, the University

Breadth and diversity of programs are desirable characteristics, but if the University tries to do too many things, it will do nothing well.

will have to limit itself to assure quality.

If choices must be made on programs that exist, or when new programs reflecting the development of knowledge are proposed, then student interest, external review of quality, and state and federal funding priorities will be used to help make the decisions.

A basic University commitment to general education will be retained, according to the report. It notes that the University recognized the need for an integrated common core of learning when it instituted current requirements, and will continue to keep them under review for improvement.

Among other positions on undergraduate education, the report notes that a new reliance on the library and computerized information systems will require "information-seeking literacy" for students.

Minority access will be a challenge since population studies project a growing minority population while statistics document a decreasing minority enrollment at universities.

The report predicts that demands for reform in University education will increase because of the rate of knowledge growth and its corollaries — accelerating obsolescence, increasing specialization, and steady erosion of any shared cultural heritage.

The report forecasts new multidisciplinary approaches for graduate education and research and says it also will be the trend in scholarship, artistic and creative activity.

Already, the report notes, much of the intellectual ferment of contemporary campus life has crossed disciplines and has led to new interdisciplinary centers and institutes.

The high costs of graduate education and research will help drive programs toward multi-disciplinary approaches. By sharing resources and avoiding duplication, cross-disciplinary programs will be competitive with those at the major universities.

The report notes the national prominence already gained by several of the University's interdisciplinary programs, such as the graduate molecular and cellular biology program, international studies, and the basic sciences program serving both arts and sciences and osteopathic medicine.

Because funds from fees and state subsidies will not fully meet the costs of graduate education and research, the report emphasizes that reliance must be put on outside funding from grants, contracts and private sources.

This funding will be essential to recruit talented faculty and graduate students and to provide the well equipped studios and laboratories that support quality programs, whether in scientific research, scholarship or performance and practice in the arts.

Much of the intellectual ferment of contemporary campus life crosses disciplines . . . encompassing topics, issues and phenomena.

A final concern in the report is the potential that society will expect research funds to be used to address particular questions. The University cannot compromise its commitment to basic research and to the free pursuit and exchange of knowledge, the report asserts, but at the same time it must help search for solutions to urgent public issues.

by Peg Black

Keeping performing artists injury-free—

by Nancy Roe



Videotape and electromyograph studies were done to assist in diagnosing the cause of pianist Janet Petrowski's pain and discomfort. Shown with Petrowski in Recital Hall are, left to right, Associate Professor of Piano Gail Berenson, Director of Music Therapy Peggy Coddling and Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy Gary Chleboun.

"All my life, my back hurt when I played; I figured it was just part of playing and kept on," says Petrowski, a graduate student majoring in piano pedagogy/performance.

She's also an example of the frustration that can hit a student who plays well but cannot seem to realize his or her full potential.

"I felt I was growing as a teacher, but not as a pianist," Petrowski says. "I thought I had reached the limit of my talent and was destined to be mediocre."

She was studying with Gail Berenson, who noted both Petrowski's tense posture at the piano and her frustration and suggested she talk to Dr. Ragg about relaxation exercises.

Arts Medicine and the Musician

What Ragg and Chleboun found was that Petrowski's lack of fluid motion and control was tied to lack of strength in her back and shoulder muscles.

"She was literally holding herself up at the keyboard by her fingertips," Chleboun says. "By gaining strength in her trunk, she has been able to allow her hands and arms to function properly."

Petrowski and Berenson agree the therapy has worked, with evident change in Petrowski's playing. "It's been a long road," the pianist says. "I learned you have to maintain pelvic stability and flexibility—the readiness to move. The body has to be held up so the arms can function."

Collaboration between musicians and physical therapists opens up new territory for music faculty, Berenson believes.

"It's changed my teaching," she says. "I used to move from the sound I wanted the student to create, to the physical process; now I move from the physical motion to the sound."

Courses in arts medicine and cooperation between musicians and physical therapists can take away some of the uncertainties of performance, according to Berenson. Other results include better performances and performers who can look forward to a lifetime career without injury.



The similarities between athletes and musicians extend beyond the long hours of practice and the stress of public performance to the possibility of injury from flawed techniques and equipment or strain and misuse of muscles.

From her own experience as a concert pianist and avid runner, Associate Professor of Piano Gail Berenson believes that "a musician needs to be as physically prepared to step into a practice room as an athlete does to step onto the playing field.

"Musicians are 'small muscle' athletes," Berenson says, "and music faculty need to be aware of ways we can help our students prevent injury or seek treatment for practice-related discomfort and disability."

Sports medicine has a long history, but arts medicine is a relatively new field and one gaining increasing attention. In Ohio, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation has become a leader in the field with its Medical Center for Performing Artists.

In March, Berenson, Director of Music Therapy Peggy Coddling, and School of Physical Therapy faculty Gary Chleboun and Dennis Cade attended a national symposium at the Clinic on "Medical Problems of the Performing Artist."

Earlier, they and colleagues from the School of Dance had participated in a pilot research study to collect data on how non-injured students perform.

"We videotaped and did electromyograph studies of four piano students and five dance students," Berenson says. "Our hope is that with that data and our expanded research we can make a contribution to the field of arts medicine and provide teachers with ways to keep students injury free."

What physical therapists can offer music faculty is "knowledge of the physical aspects of playing an instrument," Chleboun says. "We can also outline ways of preventing injury and indicate signs of misuse and overuse."

Nick Robinson is proof that a music major can be as dedicated as any athlete intent on making an all-conference team. He's also an

example of a student with a performance-related disability.

A percussionist, Robinson started studying piano his junior year. "It took off," he says. "I got excited about it and played a lot, practicing hours and moving quickly to more complex material."

He also started playing hand drums. "That meant a lot of hard slapping," he says. He

School of Music faculty and students benefit from links with School of Physical Therapy.

looked forward to a senior year with a full schedule of recitals and ensemble work, as well as playing for dance classes and auditioning for graduate schools.

Instead, by the end of fall quarter 1987 he was suffering from tendinitis to such an extent that he consulted Dr. Kerry Ragg, a physician at Hudson Health Center.

"He told me to stop completely," Robinson says, "and referred me to physical therapy. Suddenly, my future wasn't there any longer."

After assessing Robinson's problems, Chleboun concluded the percussionist was somewhere between stage two and three of the overuse syndrome.

"Nick was experiencing discomfort and pain, and his playing was affected," the physical therapist says. "We had to break into that with complete rest before we could start flexibility and strengthening exercises."

After about six weeks, Robinson began practicing for short periods several times a day. He also stopped playing instruments that contributed to his overuse syndrome and continued the prescribed exercises. His future is now back on track.

Ideally, music teachers would be alert to the first signs of overuse syndrome and intervene. "Perhaps there's another way to practice, or other repertoire, or ways to help deal with the tension that comes with juries and recitals," Chleboun says.

Janet Petrowski is an example of what happens when intervention does not take place at an early stage.



At an in-service training session for School of Music faculty and students, School of Physical Therapy faculty member Gary Chleboun, right, indicates the muscles in Nick Robinson's arm, wrist and hand that were affected by performance-related injury.

CHRISTINE KEITH



Vice President George Bush greets his media adviser Roger Allen.

Creating the right message—

Secrets of a Media Consultant

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**Roger Alles '62
earns reputation
as top
image-maker**

He is called by CEOs who are facing hostile press conferences and by TV stars whose ratings are plunging. Politicians regularly contact him when they need a boost in the polls.

Roger Alles is the first to admit that people's lives and fortunes depend on his work. He says his job occasionally resembles a nightmare.

"I'm like a fireman, and they don't call me until the damn building is on fire," he says. "We don't have fire inspectors, we just get the call when they've already had trouble."

Alles is in the business of image making. As a media communications consultant, he is asked to step into a bad situation and make it better. He is asked to turn a loser into a winner or, in some cases, to keep a front runner running out front.

A 1962 graduate of Ohio University, Alles has come a long way since he got his media baptism as the 7 a.m. sign-on disc jockey at WOUB Radio. Today, his New York-based company, Alles Communications, Inc., is 20 years old and nationally known for its work in television production and media consulting.

Included among Alles Communications' clients are senior management personnel of some of the nation's largest corporations, including MasterCard, American Express, Johnson & Johnson, AT&T and McGraw-Hill.

But it is in the political game that Alles has become a big league player. A former consultant for Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, Alles joined George Bush's presidential campaign last summer as senior media adviser.

It was Alles who was given much of the credit for helping Bush outduel Dan Rather in their celebrated television showdown in late January.

During the weeks leading up to the interview on the CBS Evening News, Alles had coached Bush on what to say and how to say it. He suggested Bush have the incident about Rather's famous six-minute, on-the-air disappearance on the tip of his tongue. Bush eventually stunned Rather by using the line:

Bush's knockout of Rather on national television propelled the vice president into the driver's seat for the Republican nomination. Bush's image seemed to change almost instantly. Time magazine went so far as to say he had been unwrapped.

Actually, Bush's repertoire when he appeared opposite Rather followed the guidelines Alles set down in his book *You Are the Message, Secrets of the Master Communicators*.

In the book, listed as one of *The Wall Street Journal's* best business books of 1987, Alles says all his clients should be aware of where the audience's sympathy lies. "If a reporter is bullying you, the

viewers at home may start to root for you," he says.

And in negotiations with CBS, Alles insisted Bush only do a live interview. CBS wanted to tape the interview. "I don't like taped interviews," Alles says, "because the media is going to throw out everything that is favorable to you, and throw in all the parts favorable to the anchorman."

Alles became interested in the broadcast medium as a student at Ohio University. In addition to his early-morning DJ duties, he also did play-by-play of Robert basketball, football and baseball games, and he was student station manager of WOUB as a junior and senior.

Alles went on to become executive producer for *The Mike Douglas Show* and NBC's *Tomorrow Show*, and he joined the political ranks in 1968 with Nixon's successful presidential campaign.

During that race, Alles created and produced the innovative "Man in the Arena" series, 14 live spots in which Nixon stood, with no notes and no podium, and fielded questions from bystanders.

Coaching by Alles helped Reagan win his all-important second debate with Walter Mondale in 1984 after Reagan had bombed in the first one. Alles began working with Bush on a free-lance basis in 1985.

As television has grown in stature, so has the role media consultants such as Alles play. And Alles is not one to underestimate the media's power and influence.

"All too often the media today is out on a search-and-destroy mission," says the 48-year-old Alles. "All too often you'll find young journalists trying to win the Woodward and Bernstein Award for exploitative journalism as opposed to just doing a good, solid journalistic job."

"So, consequently, I'm on the other side of the fence trying to protect clients from those on the search-and-destroy mission. It's not a popular position with the media, but I think it's necessary in today's world. "There's just too much air time and news space available, and it's caused the media to manufacture their own product. They create their own polls, then they report on those polls. They create their own news, then they report on their news."

Whether his client is a politician running for president or a CEO at a major corporation, Alles says the same communications principles apply.

"Over the years, I've learned that the whole, composite person is the message," he says. "It's not just the voice, it's the face, the body, the hands, the attitude, the words."

"Everything comes across as the composite message, and people analyze that message and make judgements very, very quickly."

by Bill Estep

Polispots: Not the Whole Story

by Dr. Patricia Bayer Richard

Marshall McLuhan was right: the medium is the message. And the medium in electoral politics is television.

As we have been told, we live in a world in which most kids have spent 20,000 hours in front of a TV set by the time they graduate from high school, and most adults watch TV more than they do anything else except work and sleep.

Is it any wonder that our response to political candidates is based on their television images?

Like the shadows on the cave walls in Plato's parable, video images become our reality because they are as close as most of us get to candidates.

Television dominates campaigns for a variety of interconnected reasons. Political parties have lost power as a voting cue, and campaigns are increasingly candidate-centered. Television provides the best means for presenting candidates to a less-anchored electorate.

Televised political ads, in particular, reach an "advertent audience." In the weeks and months before an election, television "polispots" provide political information about candidates to an audience that just happens to be watching when ads are broadcast.

While "free" television, such as newscasts, public affairs programs and debates, has greater credibility than "paid" television, a larger, inadvertent audience is more likely to be captured by the latter.

The greatest virtue of political ads from a campaign's point of view lies in the ability to control content. Ads, whether positive or negative, tell us only what the campaign paying for them wants us to know.

This may be the greatest danger polispots pose to maintaining a vigorous democracy, since campaign wealth and media consultant creativity determine what we see. Even when competing campaigns have funds to air rebuttals, debate fractured into 30 and 60-second packages does not produce an informed electorate.

Polispots obviously should not be relied on as the sole or even major source of our political information. Unfortunately, when the campaign budget is large and the information environment in the "free" media is impoverished, polispots can loom large.

The Center for Political Communication at Ohio University is currently investigating the role of issues in presidential primary elections.

We have found that campaign coverage in local and national television news and in local newspapers emphasizes styles and election outcomes in this multi-candidate, multi-event process. In this context, polispots may provide new, even if partial and self-serving, information.

The question of whether political ads are a bane or a boon can best be answered by considering three ideas about the function of elections.

In democratic theory, elections serve the interests of the citizenry by allowing citizens to influence policy and indicate satisfaction or dissatisfaction with past policy performance.

Alternatively, elections allow for leadership selection, serving to provide legitimacy and support for persons in leadership positions.

A third view suggests that elections are rituals whose major purpose is to preserve stability through giving the illusion of involvement and offering myths which resonate with the public.

Which function or functions do political ads support? Think about the question as you stand by for the fall campaign, watch the polispots and mark your ballots.

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Dr. Jon Ahlquist

Determining evolutionary relationships—

Pioneer DNA Research Brings National Award

Jon Ahlquist says he was about 10 years old when he first began watching birds. Born on the shores of Lake Erie, he would spend endless hours chasing birds up and

down the beach.

By the time Ahlquist was a teenager, he had taken his love for birds a step further. He had begun painting birds on large canvas. At 15, he was exhibiting his paintings in galleries.

"Here I was," Ahlquist remembers, "a kid going off to bird meetings with my latest paintings under my arm."

Now when Ahlquist goes to meetings, he has pioneering research under one arm and a national science award under the other.

Ahlquist, a 43-year-old biologist who came to Ohio University in the fall of 1986, spent an evening in late April in Washington, D.C., receiving one of the top awards from the National Academy of Sciences for outstanding contributions to science.

An associate professor in the Department of Zoological and Biomedical Sciences, Ahlquist shared the 1988 Danile Giraud Elliot Medal with long-time collaborator Charles G. Sibley, a professor of biology at San Francisco State University.

As the 48th winners of the award given for meritorious work in zoology or paleontology over a three- to five-year period, Ahlquist and Sibley received \$2,500 each.

Most of all, though, each received the satisfaction of knowing that a lifetime of work with birds had led to revolutionizing the general principles of scientific classifications.

"What the award indicated was that there were people out there in the National Academy of Science who thought that the work we had done had some significance," Ahlquist says.

What Ahlquist and Sibley did was pioneer the application of DNA-DNA hybridization in determining evolutionary relationships

among birds. The technique compares the genetic material, DNA, and provides a measurement of how genetically different two species have become since they last shared a common ancestor.

Their research indicated changes from traditional classifications of birds, and provided insight into the pattern of evolution among birds.

Ahlquist met Sibley at Cornell, where he was Sibley's lab assistant. From 1975 to

Molecular biologists revolutionize general principles of scientific classification.

1985, the two collaborated at Yale University.

It was during their time at Yale that Ahlquist and Sibley completed more than 20,000 DNA-DNA hybridization comparisons involving nearly 2,000 species. They also completed an evolutionary tree for all groups of birds that is considered to be the most extensive ever done for any single group of organisms.

Ahlquist has a 32-foot long family tree of birds in his Irvine Hall office that forms the basis of the book *The Phylogeny and*

Classification of the Birds of the World, to be published later this year by the Yale University Press.

"We believe we have put together the complete family tree," Ahlquist says. "This is the first time this technique of DNA hybridization has been applied on such a large scale, with such a large number of species."

The pretty thing about DNA is that it's an objective measure. It cuts through all the biases one might have about things that are related.

Most recently, Ahlquist and Sibley applied the same DNA-DNA hybridization technique to measure genetic distances among hominoids. Their data concluded that humans are genetically closer to chimpanzees than either is to the gorilla. Those findings contrast with traditional morphological evidence which suggests chimps and gorillas are most closely related. Several other studies have supported their work.

When the molecular biologists' research on hominoids was first released four years ago, it created quite a stir within the paleontological community. Paleontologists, the people who make a living studying fossils of dead organisms, had grouped humans in a separate family from chimps and gorillas.

Thus, Ahlquist and Sibley's findings suddenly had cast serious doubt on the use of physical characteristics to study evolution.

"I can remember remarking to Charles that this was going to be one time when the bird watchers upstaged the anthropologists," Ahlquist says. "I told him I thought this was going to make a lot of people mad. And I was right."

"What we did not realize was the whole fallout of the thing. We thought everyone would be happy because the question (of humans and their closest relatives) had been resolved."

"Of course, everyone wasn't happy because it wasn't necessarily resolved in their favor, or in accordance with their biases or their other recorded data."

"The stakes get so high because if the molecular evidence continues to say that humans are most closely related to chimps, there will come a time when the people who have been using morphological characteristics to determine relationships will have to admit they're wrong."

Ahlquist is not content to rest on his past success. The DNA-DNA hybridization technique can be used on any species which has DNA and, while at Ohio University, Ahlquist plans to extend his research to include moths, butterflies and plants.

Maybe he'll even find time to paint some birds.

"I've done about 100 paintings of birds over the years," Ahlquist says. "I painted regularly up until six or seven years ago and I haven't painted since."

"I just got seduced by the research we were doing. There's nothing like results to keep you going."

"Fruitloot Birds-Toucans."
by Jon Ahlquist.

"Silvery-Checked Horn Bill."
by Jon Ahlquist.



by Bill Estep

William Rogers, associate director of libraries for administration, looks over bound volumes of serials moved from Alden to a satellite collection in the Innovation Center.



Ohio University Libraries Confront Crunch and Crackle

Associate Director of Libraries Gary Hunt shows two of the embrittled books that have been withdrawn from circulation. Also pictured is a CD-ROM, an optical disk that can hold thousands of volumes and be "played" on a personal computer.

The search is on for solutions to storage and brittle book problems

by Nancy Roe

The Crunch

Alden Library is bursting at the seams. "We're full. We're experiencing a space crunch right now," is the way Associate Director of Libraries William Rogers puts it.

Rogers is the man Director of Libraries Hwa-Wel Lee put in charge of space planning for Alden, which was designed to hold 1.4 million bound volumes.

It's reached that limit already and is also housing 1.4 million microform units and burgeoning map and archives collections. Annual growth of 50,000 net volumes is expected in the next five years.

Ohio University's problem is not unique, Rogers says. The crunch is being felt by academic libraries around the state. Faced with mounting requests for funds for new library facilities, the General Assembly asked the Board of Regents to study the problem and ways of solving it short of new construction.

On campus, Rogers headed a space planning committee that drew up a list of options for Alden. Some were quickly discarded, but others were soon put into effect.

Adding on to Alden was one option the committee rejected. Another was seeking state funds for a library to serve the West Green engineering and health sciences complex.

One option acted on was instituting "a vigorous weeding policy," with duplicates and worn-out volumes removed from library holdings. Another was to move more than 12,000 volumes to a satellite collection on the top floor of the Innovation Center.

"These are chiefly bound volumes of long runs of little-used periodicals such as *Railroad Age*," Rogers says.

The committee also surveyed every corner of Alden and found that new high density shelving systems in use in major U.S. research libraries could double the capacity of some storage areas.

Installing such a system of floor tracks with mobile carriages that hold the book stacks would enable areas on Alden's fifth floor to take care of immediate storage needs, according to Rogers.

Most favored option status went to the idea of seeking state funds for a no-frills storage warehouse near campus which

would have medium density mobile shelving and be accessible to users.

"A remote storage facility on land the University owns could hold more than one-fourth of our present collection," Rogers says. "It would be bare-bones, but with environmental controls and security."

The Regents called a halt to library expansion plans for two reasons. One was the terrific cost of building and maintaining traditional library space (in which up to 50 percent is wasted on non-productive aisles).

The other was the advent and enormous impact of new technologies that can affect both storage and user patterns in ways no one can accurately predict at present.

On the state level, the Regents agreed to fund the first of what is envisioned to be a number of regional high-density electronically-catalogued book depositories. It will be built at Ohio State at one-fourth traditional costs. Other shared facilities are foreseen for other sections of Ohio.

In addition to the trend to shared facilities, the Regents Library Committee, on which Ohio University President Charles Ping served, came up with additional plans for closer collaboration among the state's academic libraries.

They called for an electronic catalogue, which would make the 15 million books in Ohio's campus libraries available to all "without buying a single book or laying a single brick," their report said.

Relief from space problems also may be on the way through increased use of technologies such as digital storage, primarily on optical disks such as CD-ROMs (compact disk-read only memory), which have been called "the new papyrus." One such disk can hold 150,000 pages of text, Rogers says.

Unlike microfilm, which is not popular with academic researchers, the disks enable a user to search and display material on personal computers and print hard copy as needed.

Other developments that will impact on libraries are increased use of computer networks and electronic diffusion of information. "... These technologies promise... to effect a revolutionary change in the nature and role of all libraries..." the Regents said.

The Crackle

As if storage wasn't problem enough, libraries everywhere are faced with another big problem: the embrittlement of books published since the mid-1800s.

Manufacturing techniques used in the switch from paper made of rags to that made of wood pulp resulted in paper with high-acid content that is disintegrating on bookshelves the world over.

Gary Hunt, associate director of libraries, reports that up to one-quarter of the collections in major U.S. research libraries are at risk. He estimates that 300,000 of Alden Library's volumes are deteriorated to some degree—the worst with paper crackling and flaking away.

"Optical disks can help provide an answer to this problem, too," Hunt says, as libraries transfer material from the printed page to CD-ROMs.

Since the problem is common to all libraries, the Regents committee asked the state's libraries to explore the possibility of shared deacidification facilities to prevent their more current books from turning brittle.

"The Big 10 schools and the University of Chicago are actively pursuing the idea of a Midwest alliance, and that might also prove of use to us," Hunt says.

Wear and tear on library materials is inevitable, as users handle volumes, snap spines, spill crumbs, insert paperclip book markers and expose pages to humidity, light, air pollution and dust.

"Material too far gone to be used by readers can be microfilmed, reformatted on photocopier and bound, or placed in protective enclosures," Hunt says.

The task of assessing library's preservation needs and planning ways to meet them will go to Patricia Smith, who will join the library staff in July as its first certified preservation librarian and head of a newly-created Department of Library Preservation.

Two decades of success create 'enviable problem'

by Tom Ressler

CHRISTINE KEITH



Dean Emeritus John Wilhelm and College of Communication Dean Paul E. Nelson.

When John Wilhelm was first approached about moving to Ohio University to help launch a College of Communication, he honestly didn't know where it was.

"I was in my office at McGraw Hill in New York City when I got a call from Harry Evarts, then dean of the College of Business Administration," recalls Wilhelm, Communication dean emeritus. "He said my name had been turned in as a possible director of the School of Journalism and President Vernon Alden was interested in having me come out. I decided I would."

That was in 1967, however, and this year, as the college celebrates its 20th anniversary, communicators the world over know about Ohio University's strong communication programs.

Wilhelm, at the time director of McGraw Hill World News, found his way to Athens and the rest is history. On January 1, 1968, he became director of the journalism school. Five months later he was named dean of the new College of Communication, chartered on May 4.

"I have to give a lot of credit to Provost Tom Smith and my first associate deans, Claude Kantner and Presley Holmes," Wilhelm says. "Their roles cannot be overstated."

The college began with three main divisions: radio and television, interpersonal communication (which at the time also included theater, and speech and hearing sciences), and journalism. The dean's offices were set up in Pilcher House, on Union Street across from the College Green and the Soldier's Monument.

While directing the school of journalism early in 1968, Wilhelm got the idea to bring to campus noted professionals for a "Journalism Week." In May of '68, Walter Cronkite became the first guest of what the following year was expanded to become "Communication Week."

"I wanted our students to have the opportunity to meet and learn from leading journalists and communicators," Wilhelm recalls. "It also had the added advantage of bringing recognition to the college."

Recognition was coming, but also some difficult times. On May 4, 1970, two years to the day after the college's founding, the Ohio National Guard opened fire on student demonstrators at Kent State. The situation at Ohio University, as at many campuses across the nation, was tense.

"The National Guard came to Athens and set up headquarters in front of the College Gate. Guardsmen started throwing tear gas and it came into my office. The custodian who was working got flustered and reversed the fans — he thought he was going to blow the tear gas out, but instead he sucked it in," Wilhelm recalls.

A more pleasant memory of that spring was that a major new structure, the college's Radio-Television Building, was nearing completion. During the summer, Wilhelm had time to make a few architectural changes.



With CBS Newsman Walter Cronkite as featured speaker, the College of Communication got its first Communication Week off to a good start. In this 1968 photo, Cronkite walks across campus, flanked by University President Vernon R. Alden, left, and College of Communication Dean John Wilhelm. Behind them are Provost Thomas Smith and Associate Dean Claude Kantner.

"I was able to redesign the fourth floor to provide for a suite of administrative offices, with one of the more important changes being the addition of windows. I couldn't add too many, though — they cost \$5,000 each," he says.

Among other accomplishments of which he is most proud was the launching of the foreign correspondents program, which to date has sent 91 students overseas for full-time work experiences. Wilhelm, who retired in 1981, still teaches in the program.

College of Communication Celebrates

20th Anniversary

"I love Ohio University and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to serve it and the College of Communication," says the former dean, whose current activities include serving on Athens City Council.

Recognizing Wilhelm's contributions, Paul Nelson, dean since 1981, says Wilhelm gave the college a very strong foundation.

"John did a lot to put this college on the map," Nelson says. "His conception of our annual Communication Week was brilliant. And, despite some real financial constraints, he was able to gradually build strong programs throughout the college. I find him to be a great resource and we continue to confer on matters."

Regarding the college today, Nelson says it faces an "enviable problem."

"Our greatest problem at the moment is that our enrollment is higher than we would like it to be, the result of a strong reputation built on the success of our graduates."

Over a five-year period, Nelson wants to reduce the enrollment from today's total of 2,300 undergraduate and graduate students to a total of about 1,600.

"Such a reduction, accomplished through limiting enrollments and selective admissions, will allow us to continue to improve the quality of the college in all areas: instruction, research and service," he says.

He's quick to note, however, that despite his emphasis on improving quality, the college currently has its share. It has received three Program Excellence Awards from the Ohio Board of Regents (one-time enrichment funds for the state's best undergraduate programs), as well as an Academic Challenge Award. The recipients of those awards — the schools of journalism, telecommunications and visual communication — are consistently ranked among the nation's best.

"Our programs are strong and we have had a dramatic improvement in the quality of students over the last five years, the result of a selective admissions policy initiated in 1983-84," Nelson says.

Among the accomplishments of which he is most proud, Nelson cites recent gains in the number of female and minority faculty and administrative staff members.

"We now have two women serving as associate dean and assistant dean, Karen Sandell and Sandra Haggerty, respectively," he notes. "We also have 32 female and 9 minority faculty and staff."

In giving an overview of the college's five schools, Nelson says those with the largest enrollments are the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism (950 students) and the School of Telecommunications (650). The School of Interpersonal Communication enrolls 400, while the smaller, but "ultra-selective" schools of Communication Systems Management and Visual Communication enroll 150 and 140, respectively. ☺

Alumni Profiles



Steven M. Sims, BBA '75

"...all things are possible."

Steven Sims came to campus in the last years of the Vietnam Era of student unrest and activism. "OU students had a reputation for being liberal and speaking their minds," he says. "I was part of that scene—part of that 'generation of consciousness.'"

It was a "healthy time," Sims believes. "For a lot of us, it helped us grow and understand who we were and what we felt about our society and ourselves."

Active on campus, Sims worked with the Student Affairs Commission and the Black Resources Center and served as business manager for *Afro-American Affairs*. He took a wide variety of courses, starting out in Arts and Sciences thinking about majoring in psychology and ending up as an accounting major in the College of Business Administration.

There he enjoyed what he terms "a more than typical student-faculty relationship—not close, but more personal," with such faculty as William Voss, C.B. Stephenson and James Cox.

After three years with Cooper & Lybrand, one of the Big 8 accounting firms, Sims went on for an MBA at the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania and joined Continental Illinois Bank.

He was assigned to the New York office as a credit analyst and banking officer and learned a lot about the need for strategic planning in the business world. He also learned "New York is not my town."

Raised in Cleveland, he wanted to get back home and be nearer his family and friends. He returned first as a strategic planning associate with Ameritrust and in 1985 joined First Bank National Association as vice president and member of the board of directors.

"First Bank is a relatively small commercial bank organized with an awareness of responsibility to the needs of Cleveland's black community," he says, adding that "it holds a special position in the community."

Married and the father of a young son, Sims says that his objective is "to make a difference not only in my family and personal life, but also in the community from which I came."

His success in doing that has brought him wide recognition, including being named by *Dollar and Sense Magazine* as one of "America's Best, Brightest Young Professional Men."

"I go out and get involved and I get a lot of recognition," he comments, "but it's difficult for me to think of myself as special. I just work hard and try." He does value the recognition because of his desire to be a role model for young people. "I'm concerned about their getting the proper models and having access to those who can help them set the direction for their lives," he says.

In February, Sims returned to campus as keynote speaker for the annual Black Leadership Conference. He encouraged the future leaders "to see that all things are possible. It's not your aptitude that determines your altitude but your attitude," he told them. "You have to take the attitude that you can and will succeed."

The only male child in his family, Sims says he took a leadership role at an early age: "I was a young old man." His self-esteem and potential were nurtured, he believes, by his mother and sisters and by teachers and others in his community. "They made me feel I had potential. They helped me see I could do something in life if I put my mind to it."

—Nancy Roe

Of Interest to Alumni

New Baseball Coach

Joe Carbone '70, captain of the nationally-ranked team that participated in the Collegiate World Series in 1970, will become the Bobcat head baseball coach July 1. From 1977 to 1987, Carbone was assistant baseball coach at Ohio State, and then became general manager and head coach of the Columbus All-America summer baseball team.

Carbone was a regular on the 1968 through 1970 Bobcat teams, each of which won the MAC championship. In 1969 and 1970, he was an All-MAC selection at second base.

He was drafted by the Kansas City Royals, and while playing for the Kingsport Royals and the Waterloo Royals he attended Marshall University, where he served as assistant baseball coach and earned his master's in physical education.

A native of Elkland, Pa., Carbone is married and the father of two daughters.

He replaces Jerry France '66, MEd '71, the baseball Bobcat's coach since 1972.

Trustees' Academy

Ohio University's major gift society, the Trustees' Academy, recently welcomed 16 new members.

Members make a \$10,000 outright cash gift; pledge that sum to be paid in yearly increments of not less than \$1,000; make a \$25,000 deferred gift through a living trust or bequest; or make a life insurance gift of at least \$25,000 with a yearly premium and annual gift of \$500 or more.

Three new higher giving levels in the Academy honor members whose support exceeds the \$10,000 initial membership. The two-star level recognizes those whose support reaches the \$25,000 level; the three-star level, those who contribute a minimum of \$50,000; the four-star level, those who provide \$100,000 or more.

New members and their gift designations are:

Athens Flower Shop, Inc.: Designated annually; David W. Ratliff and James R. Sands, representatives.

Harriet and Charles Carlson: Forensics, Women's basketball and the Interpersonal Communication Internship Program.

Chillicothe Auto Mall: Chillicothe Auto Mall Scholarship; Bill and Dorothy Stewart, representatives.

Blanche and Norman Dohn: E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, the Stadium Tower, and PAWS.

Dwight L. Ferguson '79: Unrestricted. Mr. '65 and Mrs. Ernest C. Huge: College of Engineering and Technology.

Stanley Kline '65: Scholarships.

Jimmy and Judy Matthews: Interior Design Program.

Harold and Gloria '83 McElhaney: Stadium Tower Project/Annual Designation.

Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Monroe: Stadium Tower and PAWS.

Grant R. '70 and Denise Parsons: PAWS and the College of Business Administration.

Rax Restaurant of Athens: Designated annually; Larry H. Burk, representative.

Charles Phillip '61, MA '63, and Joyce A. '60, MA '74, Richardson: Modern Languages; Language Lab.

Stacia (Taylor) '82 and David Roth: The Virginia Hoover Franklin Athletic Award and the School of Telecommunications.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Skeels: College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Thomas and Susan '70 Wagner: To be designated.

Ruth and Augie Zorn: To be designated.

Black Alumni Reunion on Campus

After a four-year absence, the Ohio University Alumni Association and the Columbus Metropolitan Chapter are sponsoring the third Black Reunion in Athens Sept. 16-18. This year's reunion, which has been tentatively entitled "Our Time Has Come," offers returning alumni three days of nostalgia, entertainment and educational enrichment with the backdrop of a beautiful fall campus.

"This reunion is unique because it attracts such a huge turnout (400 in 1984) and a wide range of ages," says Glen Kerkian, assistant director of alumni relations. "We have attempted to program for both young and old." A sampling of the weekend's events includes a jazz cabaret, a workshop on mid-career changes and, in the words of Columbus Metro president Mike Samuels, "a very special guest speaker."

Due to the expected turnout, reunion participants are asked to preregister with the Office of Alumni Relations upon receiving the registration brochure in July. Area motels will not be accepting direct reservations—all registrations must be handled through the alumni office prior to the Sept. 1 registration deadline.

A brochure detailing the weekend's events and containing registration materials will be mailed in July to black alumni with updated addresses on file with the University. To update your address, or if you would like to be a recruiter in your area for this reunion, contact the Office of Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869 or call (614) 593-4300.

Don't wait another four years—your old friends will be in Athens this September!

Ohio University on the Road

The University went on the road again this spring, taking a one-day Alumni College and a variety of programs to an Ohio metropolitan center. The destination this year was Dayton, and the four-day visit follows similar ones to Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus in the past three years.

There were receptions to let alumni meet with their former professors and with coaches of several Bobcat teams, and a career placement "networking" meeting brought alumni together with graduating seniors.

At a reception for admitted students, campus staff cued them in on what to expect in their freshman year, and parents of currently enrolled students got to talk with faculty about academic programs.

Faculty for the Saturday Alumni College, a mini-version of the popular on-campus summer program, were political scientist Patricia Richard, physicist Ronald Cappelletti, avionics center director Richard McFarland and Middle East historian Gifford Doxsee.

Other programs were held for high school students and counselors, and medical groups.

Vice President for University Relations Martha Turnage, who initiated the city visits, says taking programs into major cities has proved effective in renewing alumni ties with the Athens campus and introducing others to the University.

Assisting with the programs at the Marriott Hotel were members of the Greater Dayton Alumni Chapter. There are more than 4,000 alumni in the Dayton area.

Alumni College 1988 'What an Experience!'

It's always enjoyable to return to campus to hear a lecture from a professor who had a profound impact on your life. Ever wonder which professors are having or will have the same impact on your children's lives?

As we enter the second decade of Alumni College, July 14-17, the Office of Alumni Relations is introducing a dynamic group of younger faculty who are beginning to impact on University life through their research and teaching.

Listed according to department and their topic for this summer's program, all of the 1988 Alumni College faculty have come to Ohio University within the last 10 years:

Michael Bugeja, journalism, "Culture's Sleeping Beauty"; Herman "Butch" Hill, electrical and computer engineering, "NASA: Before and After Challenger"; Steve Miner, history, "Perestroika: The Gorbachev Revolution"; Susan Rodgers, anthropology, "The Anthropology of Fiction: Interpreting Indonesian Novels as Cultural Texts"; Michael Smolowitz, organizational communication, "The Making of Muckmucks: An Examination of the Magic for Acquiring Organizational Leadership"; Matthew White, zoology, "Stoneflies and Chipmunks: A Genetic Approach to the Study of Animal Populations"; and George Wood, curriculum and instruction, "Democracy and Education, Part Two."

Highlighting the early bird program on July 14 will be a presentation from 1973 Ohio University graduate Roger Katter and his wife, Betsy, who recently completed a five and one-half year world bicycle tour. The Katters visited 31 countries while traveling more than 27,000 bicycle miles on their tour. They will lecture and show slides of their adventures.

Veterans of Alumni College have long realized that it's a "best buy" in family summer vacations. In addition to the classroom lec-

tures, the four-day college is loaded with creative arts, recreational tournaments and professional entertainment, all in a beautiful University setting. Teens and juniors have their own "colleges," complete with instructors and field trips custom-designed for their age groups.

The cost of Alumni College '88 is \$150 for adults and \$130 per child 16 and under. The package includes lodging, meals, tuition, recreation and entertainment costs. To reserve your place or places, send a \$40 deposit per person made payable to: Ohio University Alumni Association, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869.

For a complete program brochure or for further information, call (614) 593-4300. A past Alumni College participant commented that "Alumni College reflects the diversity and wealth of knowledge available at Ohio University. What an experience!" This year, experience it for yourself!

Class of 1963 25th Anniversary

The 25th Anniversary Reunion for the Class of 1963 is set for Sept. 23-25 in Athens. Detailed information on events and registration procedures will be mailed in the early summer to all 1963 graduates with current addresses.

The Office of Alumni Relations has already reserved rooms at the Ohio University Inn, so class members do not need to contact the Inn directly. Alumni can specify room needs on the registration form, which will be sent at a later date.

Further information on the Class of 1963 Reunion is available from the Office of Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869. Mark this date on your calendar now. Spread the word and encourage your fellow classmates to attend this special 25th reunion.

Heading the Ohio University Fund, Inc. Board of Trustees in 1988 is Alan E. Riedel '52, whose service to the University goes back more than two decades.

Senior vice president for administration at Cooper Industries in Houston, Riedel was the National Alumni Association's choice for 1986 Alumnus of the Year. He has also received the Medal of Merit and the College of Business Administration's Award for Achievement in Business. Members of the Trustees' Academy, Riedel and his wife, Ruby Tignor Riedel '53, have established a Riedel Family Scholarship.

This year's vice chairman for the Fund is another long-time Ohio University supporter, Robert P. Axline '57. A past president of the National Alumni Board of Directors and 1987 Medal of Merit recipient, Axline is former vice president, international of Addressograph Farrington, Inc. Last year, he served as an Executive-in-Residence for the College of Business Administration.

Athens attorney Joseph B. Yantzy Jr., who has been on the Fund board for the past five years, is serving as secretary.

A past president of the Athens County Bar Association and the Ohio Association of Football Officials, Yantzy is a retired MAC official.

Two new members on the board are alumni Richard H. Brown '65 and Sanford (Sandy) Elsass '70. Brown, an attorney with the Cleveland office of the national law firm Arter & Hadden, has served on the board of the Ohio University National Alumni Association.

Elsass, past president of the Massachusetts Alumni Chapter and a former director of the National Alumni Association, is chairman and CEO of MacIntyre, Fay & Thayer Insurance Agency in Newton, Mass.

University Treasurer William Kennard '54 serves as Fund Board treasurer, and Vice President for Development Jack G. Ellis '57 serves as executive director.



Alan E. Riedel '52



Robert P. Axline '57



Joseph B. Yantzy Jr.



Sanford (Sandy) Elsass '70



Richard H. Brown '65

Alumni Profiles



Tom Redfern, right, on the job in extension demonstration in Kenya.

Tom Redfern, BS '86

"Toughest Job" has rewards

Summer jobs for Tom Redfern were often with nurseries, and his favorite afternoons in Southeast Ohio were spent roaming the woods. One part-time job outside Athens was largely spent cutting back the area's weed tree, the black locust.

As a Peace Corps Volunteer in Kenya, he is now urging farmers to plant the botanical cousin of the locust, the fast-growing leucaena tree. Like the locust, it is a good fuel-wood.

Leucaena is one of the answers for Kenya, according to Redfern, who is an agroforester for the coastal region. "It is a highly productive tree, providing fuelwood within three years and building poles within five. It is a good nitrogen source for the soil and provides feed for cattle. Best of all, it doesn't need to be replanted. After cutting, it sprouts again from the stump."

Redfern is assigned to an agroforestry nursery center that is under Kenya's Department of Energy. Wood in Kenya supplies almost 60 percent of the country's energy, and the need for more of this renewable resource grows yearly, keeping abreast of the 3.8 percent annual growth rate in population.

In his job, Redfern collects tree seeds at the energy center, starts seedlings to sell to nurseries, and then demonstrates to farmers why they should raise trees.

"Getting nurseries started, where the profit from seedlings is only months off, is easier than getting farmers to plant trees that they won't harvest for four or five years," Redfern explains.

One approach that is convincing farmers to plant leucaena and another fast-growing tree, the casuarina, is to show them that intercropping trees between rows of corn, cassava and peanuts increases the yield of these traditional crops.

Along with Kenyan extension agents, Redfern leads farmers through demonstration plots at the energy center and shows them statistical yield records, even for drought years.

"It's the demonstration that works," Redfern says. "The usual crops grow better for the first three years, and then the trees produce too much shade, a crop of building poles is only a year or two off."

Redfern's Peace Corps assignment fits in with his interest and training in land management and environmental concerns. He first got an associate's degree in environmental studies before continuing toward his bachelor's degree in botany at Ohio University.

The Port Clinton (Ohio) native says his Peace Corps experience will lead right into any of the careers he's considering when he returns home.

Meantime, he likes his work, enjoys living near the Indian Ocean, and tolerates sharing his small cement block house with the lizards that climb the walls.

"They're not pets, or good company, but they're always with me," he says. "They're a small price for being in Africa."

— Peg Black

Of Interest to Alumni continued

External Student Program Degree Opportunities

If you are interested in earning an Ohio University degree but can't attend classes on a regular basis, you can get assistance in planning a degree program by enrolling in the External Student Program. A program counselor will help you plan your route to an Ohio University degree using a number of options available at the University and other accredited institutions.

Options for earning degree credit by non-traditional methods include independent study through correspondence, course credit by examination, independent study projects, credit for prior learning, transfer credit, credit for non-collegiate training and CLEP subject examinations.

Any degree you earn through the options available at Ohio University is a regular Ohio University degree. You will not receive an external degree, nor will any notation appear on your diploma indicating you earned it through non-traditional study.

For information on the External Student Program, write Ohio University, Adult Learning Services, 301 Thupper Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701 9986.

Theatre Enters 31st Year

Cape Cod is again the setting for the summer home of Ohio University as Monomoy Theatre enters its 31st season. The prizing grounds for hundreds of University theater graduates will be the site of a special alumni weekend Aug. 5-7, highlighted by a play directed by Alan Rust, MFA '73, on Aug. 6.

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Chapter of the Ohio University Alumni Association, Monomoy Weekend includes three days of cookouts, dinners and brunches, proceeds from which support the east of the Chatham based theater. As illustrated by 10 consecutive sellout seasons, space for Monomoy's alumni weekend is limited, so those who receive a registration in the mail in May are urged to return it promptly!

Private philanthropy is vital to the life of Ohio University. Gifts from alumni and friends make possible a level of quality in programs and services not achievable through public funding alone.

Among the many gifts received recently by The Ohio University Fund, Inc.:

For an endowed professorship, \$91,210 from the estate of Robert L. Morton

For a distinguished faculty award, \$33,127 from Stephen and Frances Fuller

For the Eminent Scholar Endowment, \$20,000 from Milton Goll

For Classical Literature and unrestricted use, \$34,320 from the estate of Frank H. Carpenter

For unrestricted use, \$12,842 from the estate of Arthur M. Apmann

For scholarships:

\$14,006 from Ann Billman
\$68,528 from the estate of Helen E. Klaus
\$12,327 from Dale Mansberger
\$10,000 from the estate of Sammy Kue
\$200,000 from the estate of Victor L. Cody
\$20,000 from the Kibbie Foundation

Thank you for supporting Ohio University!

Chapter Notebook

ARIZONA: Forty Phoenix area alumni gathered together at The Pointe at Tapatio Cliffs on March 16 for a special reception. The alumni heard updates on the University from Dr. Dora Wilson, dean of the College of Fine Arts; Dr. Paul Nelson, dean of the College of Communication; Rick Harrison '82, assistant director of alumni relations; and Ken Frisch '71, '72, '79, associate director of development. This event was coordinated by Rosemary Cooley '52.

CALIFORNIA: More than 100 alumni and friends in the Los Angeles area attended a reception at the LAX Marriott on March 13. Bringing news from the University were Dr. Dora Wilson, dean of the College of Fine Arts; Dr. Paul Nelson, dean of the College of Communication; Rick Harrison '82, assistant director of alumni relations; and Ken Frisch '71, '72, '79, associate director of development. The alumni viewed a videotape of campus scenes and sang "Stand Up and Cheer" and "Alma Mater." In this event coordinated by Gene Vejelsky '57, '67 and Norma Kalina '43.

Papagayo at Seaport Village was the site for a special chapter luncheon on March 12. The nearly 50 alumni and friends in attendance heard University updates from Dr. Dora Wilson, dean of the College of Fine Arts; Dr. Paul Nelson, dean of the College of Communication; Rick Harrison '82, assistant director of alumni relations; and Ken Frisch '71, '72, '79, associate director of development. The event was coordinated by Gene Vejelsky '57, '67 and Norma Kalina '43.

The annual spring gathering of the **San Francisco Chapter** occurred on March 16 at Swiss Louis on the Pier 39. At the reception Michael Kress '65 was presented with the Ohio University Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award by Rick Harrison '82, assistant director of alumni relations; Dr. Dora Wilson, dean of the College of Fine Arts; Dr. Paul Nelson, dean of the College of Communication; and Ken Frisch '71, '72, '79, associate director of development, provided updates on campus life to the 50 alumni in attendance. The event was coordinated by Kress and Paul Steinhilber '70.

The Sainte Claire Hilton provided the setting for the annual dinner sponsored by the **San Jose Chapter** on March 17. Representing Ohio University were Dr. Dora Wilson, dean of the College of Fine Arts; Dr. Paul Nelson, dean of the College of Communication; Rick Harrison '82, assistant director of alumni relations; and Ken Frisch '71, '72, '79, associate director of development. The event was organized by Bud Genovese '69 and Dave Gillis '70.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: On March 16 alumni fondly remembered past celebrations in Athens at the annual St. Patrick's Day party in Washington, D.C. This year the chapter added a new twist by co-sponsoring the event with the Miami University Alumni Association. Whoever said rivals couldn't be friends? The event was organized by Larry Rood '60.

GEORGIA: Houlihan's was again the site of the **Atlanta St. Patrick's Day** party. Sixty-three Bobcats gathered at the pub to celebrate and hear from outgoing president Jeff Brickman '74. New officers were elected and they are: Tom Jenkins '86, president; Mark Telford '84, vice president; Fred Wilson '83, secretary; and Anne Rohr '85, treasurer. Brickman organized the event along with Scott Estep '78 and Laurie Olsen '84, who are retiring as vice president and treasurer respectively.

ILLINOIS: It was a block tie affair as 40 alumni and friends gathered at the home of Carmen '41, '49 and Sylvia Sibers on Dec. 19. The occasion was the **Chicago Chapter** annual Christmas party, where guests were treated to finger sandwiches and cognac. In spite of the light weather, alumni from classes 1941 to 1983 gathered at the Sheraton Lake Forest home.

MASSACHUSETTS: Laughter and history were in ample supply at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern on Jan. 16. Mel Heltzer entertained 30 friends at the **Massachusetts Chapter** at the site where the charter of Ohio University was established. Many first-year attendees were new to the Bunch event, which was organized by Chris Campbell '72.

MISSOURI: The Kansas City Chapter's annual brunch attracted a record crowd to Vince '53, '60 and Sally '60 Costello's Greenhouse Restaurant on March 6. Fifty-one alumni and guests heard the humorous remarks of Mel Heltzer, associate professor of journalism. Glen Kerkian '76 reviewed the chapter's comedy writing course at the University and repeatedly demonstrated his expertise to the delight of those in attendance. Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Glen Kerkian '76 reviewed the latest happenings in the University and Athens along with new chapter president Don Hughes '66. Retiring president, Dean Buesel '42 and Margie Voelker '51 organized the festivities.

The St. Louis Executive Inn on March 5 was the first stop of a Missouri weekend featuring Mel Heltzer, associate professor of journalism. Heltzer entertained the group with anecdotes and insights into the art of comedy writing. Glen Kerkian '76 accompanied Heltzer and provided updates on University happenings. The evening was coordinated by Al Pease '62 with assistance from Tom Pietter '71, '73 for the St. Louis Chapter.

NEW JERSEY: Two recent events highlighted the strong involvement of Ohio Uni-

versity alumni on the east coast. On March 4 a section luncheon featuring Dr. Ping was held at New York City at the McGraw-Hill Building. In this event, sponsored by the **New York-New Jersey Chapter**, Dr. Ping spoke on the topic of "Toward the Third Century: Issues and Answers for Ohio University." Rick Harrison '82, assistant director of alumni relations, presented chapter president Marcia Benjamin-Mitchell '84 with an "Outstanding Chapter" banner in recognition of the chapter's achievements during 1987. Present at the luncheon were members of the chapter steering committee, involved local alumni, Mrs. Claire Ping and two former presidents, Dr. John C. Baker and Dr. Vernon Alden.

Later that day the chapter was very involved in hosting the 23rd Annual College Night. More than 200 admitted students of the Class of 1992, their parents and local alumni attended this function coordinated by Assistant Director of Admissions Rebecca Krosow '78.

OHIO: Akron Women's Club held a very popular and special event in March entitled "Sharing Memories of Our Days at Ohio University." Twenty-four graduates from the 1920s through the 1970s attended. Many brought mementos of their days at Ohio University to talk about, including a painting of the McGuffey Elms, a ball costume worn at the first performance in Memorial Auditorium and, from more recent times, a letter received from the athletic department on the birth of a son and grandson of former football players.

The **Athens County Chapter** held a very successful luncheon on March 16 at the Baker Center on the Ohio University campus. The proceeds will help to provide a dictionary to the top male and female junior students in the high school in Athens County. Awardees will be selected by guidance counselors, and the dictionaries will be presented during the graduation awards ceremonies.

On Jan. 20 the **Central Ohio Chapter**, representing Franklin County, showed their school spirit by sponsoring a bus trip to Athens for the Ohio State vs. Miami University basketball game at the Convocation Center. The event was coordinated by Bill Gatten and Julie (Brophy) '78 Richter.

Pink's Bier '77 was once again the setting for the annual **Central Ohio Chapter St. Patrick's Day** party. A large contingent of Bobcats gathered there for green parades in this event organized by Barry Ward '61.

The **Greater Cincinnati and Dayton Alumni Chapters** joined the Ohio University Alumni Association in sponsoring a pre-birthday party on Feb. 17. The event, held at the Miami Inn in Oxford, preceded the Ohio University vs. Miami University basketball game. Rick Harrison '82, assistant director of alumni relations, represented the University.

The **Greater Cincinnati Alumni** also sponsored a **Siblings Weekend** bus trip to Athens the weekend of Feb. 19. Three hundred of brothers and sisters enjoyed Ohio University hospitality in this event coordinated by Judi Stockdale '70 and Lots Miller '66.

The largest Ohio University St. Patrick's Day party in the country was staged on March 12 by the **Cleveland Green and White Chapter**. More than 1,000 alumni and friends attended the event at the River's Edge in the Flats of the Cuyahoga River. This is the 13th consecutive year that the Cleveland party has occurred under the direction of Rick Brown '65, chapter president.

The **Mothers Club of Cleveland** held its annual card party March 15. Despite rather snowy weather conditions, 116 people attended and it proved to be yet another huge success.

Cleveland Women's Club sponsored buses from the Cleveland area for **Siblings Weekend**. This year the buses were sponsored by the **Greater Cleveland Chapter**. This endeavor provides scholarships for Cleveland area women students and are awarded to three freshmen and live upperclassmen.

Unusual future employers with prospective employers was the purpose of an employer-student reception held at Koneker Alumni Center on Feb. 10. Students and employers enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and a reception attended by the **Greater Cleveland Chapter** and the **Greater Cleveland Alumni Association** as they wrapped up a day of jobhunting at the Minority Jobs Fair. Mike Samuels '75 organized the event for the **Columbus Metro Chapter**.

The annual **Dayton Telefund** was conducted during the weekend of March 5-6 to solicit donations for scholarships for undergraduates at Athens campus. Other funds were designated for academic colleges, athletics or other special scholarships. Dale Springer '49 again coordinated this successful fundraiser with assistance from Ann Brown, director of annual giving.

Siblings from the Dayton area experienced a weekend of college life through participation in the **Siblings Weekend** buses sponsored by the **Greater Dayton Chapter**. A total of 104 siblings enjoyed a weekend of educational and social activities while being supervised by older brothers and sisters. The chaperones for this year's group of future alumni were Ray '51 and Pat Kellogg; Gary '45 and Dor Rantz; Larry '71 and Linda '71 Smith; Karen '84 and Kevin '82, '84 Bressler; Harriet '85 and Dale '49 Springer; and Ginny Welton '68.

The **Greater Dayton Chapter's** annual St. Patrick's Day celebration attracted 800 alumni and B. B. Hopkins on March 12. Ginny Welton '68 and Larry Smith '71 organized the event.

Mystery and murder were the appetizers as 48 supporters gathered at Ebenezer's for the annual

Fairfield Chapter dinner on Feb. 26. Ohio University Professor of English Daniel Keyes described his research on his novel *Unveiling Claudin*, which chronicles a schizophrenic woman's false confessions to a series of murders in the Columbus area.

Keyes' talk and slides were preceded by the presentation of the alumni association's Distinguished Service Award to Tom Corbin '75. The co-founder and former president of the chapter, Corbin received the award from Glen Kerkian '76, assistant director of the association.

New chapter officers were announced by Marty Vanderbilt '61, who organized the dinner with assistance from her husband, John '61. An autograph session with Professor Keyes concluded the evening.

The **Youngstown/Warren Alumni Chapter** held its annual "Beat the Winter Doldrums" brunch on March 6 at the Fonderlac Country Club, the special guest speaker was Dr. James L. Bruning, provost of Ohio University. Also attending the function was head football coach Cleve Bryant '70. The event was organized by Jan Williams '73 and Pat '73 and Bruce Berry '73.

The **Youngstown/Warren Alumni Chapter** brought two busloads of brothers and sisters to Ohio University on Feb. 19 for Siblings Weekend. This is the second year such an event was sponsored by the chapter. The organizers were Jan (Valicenti) Williams '73 and Linda (Saul) Weber '71, '72.

OREGON: Nearly 30 alumni and friends of Ohio University came together for an event sponsored by the newly-formed **Portland Chapter**. Rebecca Ellis '86 and Ralph Phillips '80 coordinated a wine-tasting reception at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Portland on Jan. 14.

Alumni Calendar

NOTE: For further information contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (614) 593-4300, unless a contact person is listed.

May 17 Cleveland Mothers' Club Special Program with speakers, Holiday Inn, Rockalde. Contact Cindy Kuehn, (216) 228-2045.

May 20-21 School of Music Society of Alumni and Friends Board Meeting. Contact Margene Stewart (614) 593-1634.

May 20-22 Golden Anniversary, Class of 1938.

May 21 International Street Fair.

June 2-19 SCANDINAVIA TOUR SPONSORED BY THE OHIO UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

June 4 Athens County Chapter BBQ with entertainment, 7 p.m. Konneker Alumni Center.

June 4 Last day of classes (Spring Quarter).

June 10 Annual Graduate Commencement.

June 11 Annual Undergraduate Commencement.

June 11 Spring Quarter Closing Date.

June 13 First Summer Term Begins.

July 16 First Summer Term Closing Date.

July 14, 15, 16, 17 Alumni College.

July 18 Second Summer Term Begins.

July 25-Aug. 8 BRITISH ISLES AND IRELAND TOUR SPONSORED BY THE OHIO UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

July 30 "Prospective Student Visitation Day," Morton Hall, Room 201. Contact the Office of Admissions, 120 Chubb Hall, (614) 593-4100.

Aug. 5-7 Massachusetts Chapter sponsors Monomoy Theatre Weekend at Chatham, Cape Cod. Contact Chris Campbell '72, (617) 887-9760.

Aug. 6 Chicago Chapter Sponsors a Boat Trip on Lake Michigan. Contact Dick Thomas '72, (312) 645-8800.

Aug. 6 "Prospective Student Visitation Day," Morton Hall, Room 201. Contact the Office of Admissions, 120 Chubb Hall, (614) 593-4100.

Aug. 13 "Prospective Student Visitation Day," Morton Hall, Room 201. Contact the Office of Admissions, 120 Chubb Hall, (614) 593-4100.

Aug. 13-14 WHITEWATER RAFTING ADVENTURE SPONSORED BY THE OHIO UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Aug. 20 "Prospective Student Visitation Day," Morton Hall, Room 201. Contact the Office of Admissions, 120 Chubb Hall, (614) 593-4100.

Aug. 20 Second Summer Term Closing Date.

Sept. 6-20 DELUXE DANUBE RIVER CRUISE SPONSORED BY THE OHIO UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Sept. 16-18 Black Alumni Reunion.

Sept. 23-25 Silver Anniversary—Class of 1963.

Sept. 24 Pregame Reception at Ohio University vs. University of Nevada-Las Vegas in Las Vegas.

Sept. 24 Phoenix Chapter Sponsors a Chartered Bus to Ohio University vs. University of Nevada-Las Vegas football game in Las Vegas. Contact Rosemary Cooley '82, (602) 840-6082.

Sept. 24 Tucson Chapter Sponsors a Chartered Bus to Ohio University vs. University of Nevada-Las Vegas football game in Las Vegas. Contact Roger Yohem '77, (602) 623-1346.

Sept. 30-Oct. 2 Parents Weekend.

Sept. 30-Oct. 2 Trustees' Academy Weekend.

People

Class Notes for this issue were prepared by University College freshmen Ellen K. Harbourt and Gina M. Hinerman, and College of Communication junior Heidi Tracy.

1940s

H. Oale Hannan '43 is senior associate editor for Chemical Abstracts Services. He lives in Upper Arlington.

Abbie E. Warner Stratton '44 is the chairman of the DeLance Hospital Auxiliary thrift shop. She and her husband live in Oakwood.

J. William McCutcheon '48 plays "Moonface Martin" in the revival of Cole Porter's *Anything Goes* at Lincoln Center's Beaumont Theater. He and his wife, **Lora Anne McCutcheon '61**, live in Mahwah, N.J.

Michael Olasin '49 is retired and lives in Summerland Key, Fla.

1950s

B. Richard Atkinson '50 is vice president of community affairs for the Stouffer Corp. He has been with Stouffer since 1971 and has served as corporate director of public relations and public affairs functions. He resides in South Russell.

Norman J. Crabtree '50 retired in February as deputy director in charge of the Ohio Department of Transportation aviation division. He is now an adviser on aviation careers and curriculum to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jack B. Leutz Jr. '50 is retiring from his position as health commissioner for Crawford County. He lives in Ashland.

Karnella Singleton '51 is a first-grade teacher at Harding Elementary School in the Portsmouth City School System.

Wayne E. Adams '52 is a co-producer of "First Time Anywhere!" a portrait of P.T. Barnum, at the Asolo State Theater in Sarasota, Fla. Adams is also the executive producer for pianist/composer Kevin Oldham and producing director for the Mark Haim and Dancers Company.

Donald E. Seffera '52 was named treasurer of Mosser Construction in Fremont.

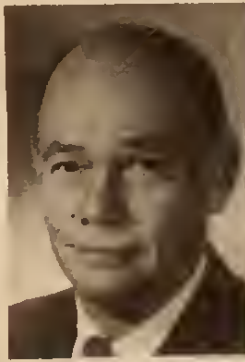
Lowell E. Anderson '54 will be retiring from his position as Caldwell School District superintendent in August 1988.

Thomas Reed Beebe '54 was awarded the Pew Appalachian Award for Outstanding Teaching in the Sciences from the Appalachian College Program at the University of Kentucky. He is noted for his development of a student-oriented research program in the chemistry department of Berea College in Kentucky.

Jack V. Oakley '54 opened a father-son law office in Logan with his son Gregg. Oakley received his law degree from Capital University in 1973. He and his family live in Buchtel.



B. Richard Atkinson,
BSJ '50



Charles A. Carpenter,
BFA '55

Charles A. Carpenter '55 was named vice president in advertising and promotional and support merchandising for the Cleveland-based Glidden Co. He has been with the company for 12 years. Glidden is a member of ICI Paints, the world's largest paint manufacturer.

Thomas G. Hauenstein '55 is the senior vice president at Central Soya, an international agribusiness company in Fort Wayne, Ind. In this position, Hauenstein is responsible for the company's worldwide animal feed production and marketing operations. He is married to **Judy Teach Hauenstein '59**.

The Rev. William A. Hines '55 is the minister at United Methodist Church in Grove City. He is married to **Carolyn Bailey Hines '54**.

Rocco A. Macri '55 is executive vice president of Associates Commercial Corp., responsible for the Communications Division. The Chicago-based firm is a commercial finance subsidiary to Associates Corporate of North America.

Geoe E. Stout '55, executive vice president-corporate development for Coachmen Industries Inc., is serving his third term on the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association Board. He and his family live in Middlebury, Ind.

Roger A. Miller '56 is the senior research associate-physics, Research Development and Engineering Division of Corning Glass Works. He has been with Corning since 1979.

Jobo D. Rudolph '56 is vice president-optical components at U.S. Precision Lens Inc., a Corning subsidiary.

Donald G. Conley '57, of General Tire in Akron, is the Akron Rubber group director to the Rubber Division, American Chemical Society. The Rubber Division is one of 32 ACS divisions.

Emily Foster Leedy, MEd '57, was selected to represent Rio Grande alumni on the Rio Grande College Board of Trustees. She graduated from Rio Grande in 1949. She retired as director of Women's Services for the State of Ohio in 1983 and lives in Berea.

Clayton L. Stein '57, BFA '62, is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He is known as "The Eccentric Dr. Clayton," a vaudeville magician. He lives in Chillicothe.

Suzanne Shepard Wallace '57 is vice president in charge of Personnel Consultants, a division of Info-Age Inc. in Oerfield, Ill., a computer service firm. She is married to **Dennis Wallace '56**.

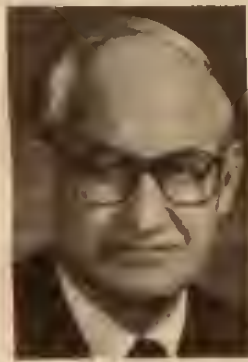
F. Thomas Sheeder '58 is pursuing a full-time business interest in the music/entertainment field. He lives in Miami, Fla.

Roger E. Stephens '58 was named director of cooperative marketing programs for the Product Management Division in NCR Corp.'s Europe Group. He lives in Dayton.

Jamea R. Deters '59 is executive-in-residence at the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management in Lake Forest, Ill.



Donald G. Conley,
BSCE '57



John E. Gulggle, BSJ '63

Annette I. Forsythe Salrin '59 has exhibited her paintings in the Dublin City Hall, and also created the artwork for the Ohio Historical Society's Bicentennial Calendar. She lives in Dublin.

Franklin Sheeter '59 was appointed an administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration, Office of Hearings and Appeals in Charleston, W.Va.

Boonie Milby Taylor '59 and her husband, Matt, are the co-authors of the mystery novel *Neon Flamingo*. The Taylors' first novel, which follows a murder investigation into the newsrooms of two metro dailies, was named by Detective Book Club as its October selection. The Taylors reside in Kennewick, Wash.

1960s

Harvey J. Breverman '60 is a professor of art at the State University of New York at Buffalo. A collection of his work was recently shown at the Schneider and Timken galleries of the Canton Art Institute. He and his wife, **Deborah D. Dobkin Breverman '58**, live in Snyder, N.Y.

James M. Fordham Jr. '61 is vice president of operations services for the Glass Container Division of American National Can Co. He and his family live in Marion, Ind.

Nick Mourouzia '61 is associate professor of health, physical education and recreation at DePaul University. He and his wife, **Marilyn P. Xeoos Mourouzis '59**, live in Greencastle, Ind.

Guila R. Noble '61 is the jury commissioner of the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga County.

David B. Wagner '61, MEd '64, an athletic director at Georgia Southern College at Statesboro, Ga., received the Sandy Valley High School's Achievement Award for his outstanding leadership in athletic administration.

Murray Cook '62 is general manager of the Cincinnati Reds. He lives in Montreal, Canada.

Carole L. Cushmore '62 was appointed vice president/publisher of the Mass Market Division of Macmillan, Inc. She lives in Scarborough, N.Y.

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Keoeth F. Dowd '62 was promoted to industry director of Pro-fax Polypropylene Resins. His responsibilities include market planning and directing product and market growth.

Frank C. Eckmair '62 is the chairman of the Department of Fine Arts at the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he has been teaching since 1963.

David A. Peach '62, MBA '64, is the head of California Polytechnic State University's Management Department. He lives in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

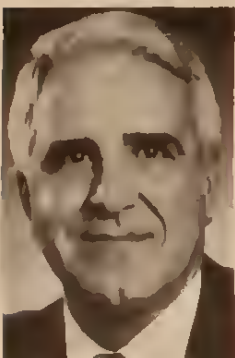
Nina Diehl Smith '62, MA '67, a fifth grade teacher at McConnellsville School, received a Good Apple Award from the Morgan County Board of Education for her outstanding teaching. She lives in Chesterville.

Richard D. Kahoe '63 is developing a psychiatric group home for emotionally disturbed young people. He lives in Dunnegan, Mo.

Joha E. Guiggle '63 was named director of advertising and customer communications at Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. He lives in Liverpool, N.Y.

Mary Ann Skocik '63, MEd '69, is the director of civilian personnel at the Defense Construction and Supply Center in Columbus.

James A. Warburton '63 is managing principal of Greene & Wallace, Inc., a certified public accounting firm. He lives in Worthington.



Rocco A. Macri, BSCOM '55



Thomas G. Hauenstein, BSCOM '55

Laura M. Armentrout '64 and her husband are full-time traveling retirees with a homebase in Waverly. Their daughter, **Nancy J. Armentrout Rice '75**, was named Employee of the Year by Boeing Aircraft in '87.

Gary J. Gregory '64 was named promotion coordinator for WPTD/WPTO Channels 16 and 14 in Dayton.

Larue G. Hall '64 is the senior account executive of David A. Mecker & Associates, Inc./Public Relations. Hall, a nationally recognized speaker, was an invited speaker at the Surgeon General's Conference in 1987. She and her husband, **Robert E. Hall '63**, live in Silverlake Village.

David R. Hoffman '64 is an administrator/analyst for Arneo in Middletown.

David L. Stith '64 is president and chief operating officer of Bank One, Cleveland. He is married to **Janet M. Laurie Stith '64**.

David J. Baker '65 is the director of the Ohio Office of Development. He lives in Columbus.

Ralph L. Francis '65 was promoted to colonel in the Air Force Reserve. He is the director of public affairs for the 10th Air Force at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas. He and his wife, **Katherine Martin Francis '65**, live in Austin.

Dwayne W. Gauding '65 is manager, marketing and procurement for Aeroquip Automotive Inc. He lives in Nicholasville, Ky.

Diane Koos Gentry '65, MS '67, is the author of *Enduring Women*, published by Texas A&M Press. Through interviews and photographs, Gentry documents the lives of 10 diverse American women. She and her husband live in San Antonio, Texas.

Jerry D. Houck '65 has been admitted to the Hunter's Club, a group of outstanding employees of General Telephone Inc. Houck began his career with General Telephone of Ohio in 1970. He and his wife live in Noblesville, Ind.

Joseph L. Leach '65 is deputy director of the Ohio Department of Transportation District 10. Leach was self-employed as a construction consultant and owner-operator of oil and gas wells since 1983. He and his wife live in Gallipolis.

Neil B. Mahrer '65 is executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Public Broadcasting Service. He lives in Vienna, Va.

Betty L. Crabtree Platzer '65 is principal of Morgan Elementary School in Portsmouth. She and her husband live in Lucasville.

Kenneth C. Wolfert '65 has been the coordinator of sports medicine services at Providence College since 1984. **Patricia A. Donaldson Wolfert '69** is a kindergarten teacher at Our Lady of Mercy School in East Greenwich, R. I.

Charles M. Brads Jr. '66 was named Staff Member of the Month at Northmont High School in Germantown. He is an instructor in the Mathematics Department.

Jeffrey W. Kaumeyer '66 is vice president, account group manager at Hammond Farrel Inc., a New York City-based business-to-business public relations agency. He lives in Norwalk, Conn.

Robert D. Kramer '66 was promoted to vice president by NCNB National Bank in Tampa, Fla. He joined the bank in August as a real estate lending officer. NCNB is the fourth largest bank in Florida.

Joho B. Logan '66 was promoted to senior vice president and manager of Barnett Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., asset-based lending department.

Hanly L. Mano '66 joined General Tire as manager of process equipment and design in the Tire Technology's Process Development Department. He lives in Akron.

Joan Hartman Moore '66 is director of education for the Association of American Medical Colleges, Washington, D.C.

Dale Ray Mulleos '66 joined the State Highway Patrol at the Chillicothe post. She lives in Chillicothe.

Linda S. Webber Williams '66 is the coordinator of community and business programming at Williamsport Area Community College in Williamsport, Pa. She and her husband, **Robert D. Williams '66**, live in Wellsboro, Pa.

William L. Bainbridge '67 is president of SchoolMatch, a service that helps parents choose the most compatible school for their children. He lives in Westerville.

Orlan C. Cooper Jr., MEd '67, is the international president of the Order of United Commercial Travelers. He and his wife live in Orient.



Kenneth F. Dowd, BSME '62



Dwayne W. Gauding, BBA '65

Robert A. Demeil '67 was promoted to manager of Northwest Surface Treatment & Formulated Products for McGean-Rohco, Inc. in Cleveland.

Susan C. Fawcett '67 won the first Silver Apples Press Chapbook Competition for her poetry collection *Abandoned House*. She is the co-author of two college writing textbooks, *Grassroots* and *Evergreen*.

Aspasia Demas Kirkpatrick '67 is the director of technical services for the Guernsey County District Public Library in Cambridge. She lives in Pleasant City.

William E. Lampton '67, PhD '69, is executive director of the Auxiliary Foundation at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, Ga.

William A. Rau '67, MBA '81, is a career advisor within the Department of Health Policy and Management of the Harvard University School of Public Health in Boston.

Sharon A. Wallace '67 is dean of academic resources at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif.

Whitney C. Bonifant '68 received his MBA degree from the University of Nebraska in August 1987. He is vice president of manufacturing for Valident Industries, Inc., and lives in Elkhorn, Neb.

Joseph F. Ciminero Jr. '68 is associate vice president of financial operations in Nationwide Insurance's annuity and pension operations in Columbus.

Thomas C. Douglas '68 was chosen for a two-year leadership development program for Ohio agricultural leaders. He has a private law practice in Orrville.

Joanne Gluffrida '68 is executive director of personnel and civil service for Monroe County government in Rochester, N.Y.

Andy Jean Helman '68 has had articles published in *Redbook* and *The Christian Science Monitor*. She lives in Seattle, Wash.

James A. Horvath '68 is director of domestic marketing and sales at Arcair Co. He lives in Dublin.

Frank A. Nolfi '68, chairman of the board of executives at the Youngstown office of The Ohio Co., is completing his MBA at Youngstown State University.

Thomas L. White '68, BSEd '70, was promoted to divisional sales manager of IDS Financial Service of Charleston, W.Va. He is married to **Lou E. Keefer White '70**.

Gary R. Gleckler '69 is president of Columbus Equipment Co., a construction and mining equipment dealership. He and his wife, **Martha E. Curtis Gleckler '69**, live in Worthington.

Patrick T. Hicks '69 is director of high performance and replacement tire development for Uniroyal Goodrich. He and his wife, **Shirley S. Grey Hicks '68**, live in Medina.

Michael D. Long '69 is the director of the Public Utilities and Aviation Department in Columbus. He lives in Groveport.

John C. Ritter '69, MBA '70, is vice president of finance and administration for United Technologies Chemical Systems Division. He and his wife, **Kathleen Poluga Ritter '70**, live in San Jose, Calif.

David D. Scott '69, MA '71, is vice president of marketing at Group Benefit Service, Inc. He and his wife, **Susan E. Hampl Scott '71**, live in Ellicott City, Md.

Sandra Sue Stewart '69 was promoted to assistant managing editor of the *The Times-Reporter* in Zanesville. She has been on the newspaper's staff since 1969.

Mark A. Swain '69 was promoted to assistant division manager for the Ohio Regional Office of State Farm Insurance Co. He and his wife, **Linda Angeletti Swain '71**, live in Newark.



Sharon A. Wallace, BSHEC '67



David D. Scott, BBA '69, MA '71

1970's

Carlin B. Carpenter '70 is the football coach at Bluffton College and was named NAIA District 22 Coach-of-the-Year for the third straight year.

Charles B. Centivany '70, MBA '71, was responsible for the development of the front-wheel-drive Lincoln Continental which was introduced Dec. 26, 1987. His job was to coordinate the various engineering, business and design teams.

Hank L. Holzapfel '70 was appointed vice president and director of sales and marketing for Owens-Illinois Closure Inc. He lives in Toledo.

Dennis M. Jawkowski '70, director of marketing for Community Mutual Blue Cross & Blue Shield in Worthington, has earned the Certified Health Consultant designation. He and his family live in Hilliard.

Dulcy S. Lambert '70 teaches at Whitwell Elementary in the Ironton System and has been nominated for the Ashland Oil Teacher of the Year Award. She and her husband live in Ironton.

Randall F. Mendat '70 was promoted to vice president and trust officer by NCNB national bank. He and his wife, **Virginia C. Burkes Mendat '70**, live in Charlotte, N.C.

Bernard T. Walsh '70 was promoted to Ashland Area Manager for Columbia Gas Transmission Corp. He and his wife, **Mary E. Rowse Walsh '67**, live in Alliance.

Paul R. Chimera '71 is president of Chimera Communications, a marketing communication consulting business in Buffalo, N.Y. He also teaches journalism part-time at Buffalo State College.

Cathy A. Hart '71 joined Desbrow and Associates, a Pittsburgh communications and public relations firm, as public relations manager. She and her family live in McMurray, Pa.

James T. Novak '71 is national manager, consumer affairs for General Tire. He and his wife, **Linda Cline Novak '71**, live in Stow.

Joho T. Raislan '71, associate director and senior fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University, was appointed to a U.S. Department of Education Advisory Committee of Student Financial Assistance. He lives in Saratoga, Calif.

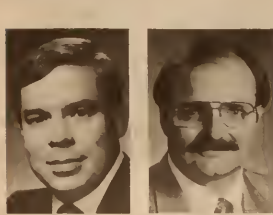
Arthur E. Stringer Jr. '71 has published his first collection of poems, *Channel Markers*. He has taught English at several universities. He lives in Radford, Va.

John A. Swiger '71 is the new evening coordinator at Jefferson Technical College. He received his MEd from the University of Dayton. He and his wife live in Tiltonsville.

L. Oscar Uhrig '71 was promoted to research specialist in the Fiber Technology Group, Mead Central Research. He and his wife live in Chillicothe.

Gary L. Haynes '72, MA '74, executive director of the Pike County Development and Management Corp., was presented the Alumni Special Recognition Award by the Department of Geography. He lives in Pileton.

Rea A. Hunter '72 joined the Tama office of Dames & Moore, an engineering and environmental consulting firm, in February. He is a member of the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management and the Hazardous Materials Control Research Institute and is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager. He and his wife live in Tama, Ia.



Hank L. Holzapfel. James T. Nouak. BSBD '71
BBA '70

Steven C. Hunter '72, MRP '75, was named president of Vinton County National Bank of Wellsville and McArthur.

Mary A. Lang '72, BSN '87, is a staff nurse in U.S. Health of Southern Ohio's Obstetrics Department at Scioto Memorial Hospital.

Bruce F. Massa '72 is affiliated with Ohio Equities Inc., a commercial and industrial real estate brokerage firm owned by The Ohio Co. and is a member of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors. He has sold or leased more than \$25 million in industrial property. He and his wife reside in Columbus.

Jerry Nashel '72 is an intake counselor with the State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. He investigates complaints of child abuse/neglect, delinquency and juvenile justice. He lives in Vero Beach, Fla.

Vincent J. de Sostoa '72 is vice president of A.T. Kearney, Inc., in New York City, responsible for the firm's management consulting practice in transportation. The firm has 25 offices around the world. He lives in Staten Island, N.Y.

Susan L. Wall '72, MFA '73, a painter living in New York, recently had a show at the Bonkey Company Gallery in Cleveland.

James M. Gay '73 is director of corporate telecommunications at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus. He and his wife, **Christie J. Stamets Gay '73**, live in Reynoldsburg.

Martin C. Henderson '73 received a Good Apple Award from the Morgan Local Schools for his enthusiasm in teaching physical education classes. He lives in Maletta.

Roger G. Kaiter '73 is regional reporter for The Marietta Times. He lives in Marietta.

Jill Scheenberger King '73 is special education supervisor for five local schools in Hardin County. She lives in Ada.

John H. Meyer '73 works for the Wilmington Star-News, Inc., in Wilmington, N.C.

Steven C. Pattullo '73 works for the University of California at Los Angeles National Laboratory in New Mexico. He is doing research on the ICF program and other related energy research.

Robert H. Sam-Krakus '73 was elected to the Parliament for Bo Town II in Sierra Leone. He is the managing director of the Provincial Literature Board and Adult Literacy Co. in Bo.

Kenneth C. Walker '73, founder and president of Communications Associates, has moved the public relations agency's headquarters from Denver to Huntington, W. Va.

Dever L. Weinstinger '73 is general parts and service manager for Columbus Equipment Co. He oversees stores in Columbus, Toledo, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Cadiz.

Larry E. Atkins '74 is director of corporate insurance and benefit administration for Cyclops Industries, Inc. He lives in Upper St. Clair, Pa.

Linda S. Bonini '74 is regional controls and service manager for Nationwide Insurance's Canton headquarters, in Canton, N. Y.

Danny R. Bourne '74 was promoted to administrative officer in the Retail Mortgage Loan Department at First National Bank of Western Southern Ohio. He and his family live in Hamilton.

Andrew U. Degenhart '74 is director of the social services department at the Cambridge (Ohio) Mental Health Center. He and his family live in Cambridge.

John W. Evans '74 displayed his wood sculptures at the February exhibition of the Worthington Arts Council Visual Arts Series. He and his wife, **Marcia Ann Kolaich Evans '76**, reside in Columbus.

Fredrick J. Goldstein '74 is president of Universal Telephone Co. (UPC), a subsidiary of CARD-TCL, a company which produces and distributes telephone equipment. He lives in Cleveland.

David E. Jones '74 was named superintendent of the Cuyahoga School District in Cuyahoga. He lives in Englewood.

Dana D. Dodge Koppert '74 is the drama and dance instructor at Whitestone Recreation Center in Columbus.

David G. Mayer '74 is a corporate lawyer with GATX Leasing, San Francisco, specializing in transactions. He and his wife, **Anne Accrocco Mayer '76**, live in San Rafael, Calif.

James C. Neely III '74 is assistant vice president-marketing division for Central Trust Company of Northeast Ohio, N.A. He and his wife live in Navarre.

Glenn W. Pellet '74 was named senior associate of Rother Johnson Associates, an architecture, planning and interior design firm based in Edison, N.J., and is directing several major projects for the firm. He and his family reside in Budd Lake, N.J.

Lynne B. Rubenson '74 is vice president group manager at LMS-Barrett Public Relations. She lives in Providence, R.I.

Geraldine A. Simone '74, BS, is senior vice president of Stacking Swanson Public Relations, a full-service marketing communications firm. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Bonita J. Sweeney '74 is the director of Brooklawn, Inc., a half-way house for chemically dependent teenagers in Louisville, Ky.

Anne E. Hiat Talcott '74 is the director of the Huron Public Library. She is married to Robert M. Talcott Jr. '73.

Steve J. Velick '74 is a mechanical engineering technology instructor at Washington Technical College. He also owns his own engineering consulting business in Marietta.

La. Cmdr. Robert P. Weidman '74 returned from three weeks of training exercises in the Western Atlantic with the Second Fleet. He is stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Patricia L. Dains Yost '74, MEd '77, is executive secretary of Clinton County Children's Services Bureau. She lives in Jeffersonville.

Mary Jo Crowley '75 is a public relations freelancer specializing in real estate research and marketing in California. She now writes jokes for comedians and recently has begun performing her own comedy routine.

David B. Livingston '75 is director of public affairs for the Newark Air Force Station newspaper and owns a photography studio in Granville. He is married to **Mary Kay Dunlap Livingston '78**.

Debra L. Hedges Myers '75 is coordinator of the Talented and Gifted Program for the Switzerland of Ohio School District.

Michael A. Pfeifer '75 was appointed Chillicothe safety service director.



Bruce F. Massa. BS '72 Christopher E. Press. BBA '76

Maj. Stephen A. Reynolds '75 is stationed with the 4th Marine Division, New Orleans, La.

Raymond D. Roberts '75 is executive director of Community Action of Pike County. He and his family live in Pike County.

Bill R. Stapleton '75, MEd '80, a fifth-grade teacher at Deering Elementary School in Ironton, received a certificate from Outstanding Young Men of America.

Steve J. Kish Allen '76 is director of marketing at Shell containers in Amherst, Pa. She lives in Drescher, Pa.

A. Allen Middlema '76 is senior staff geologist at the Houston office of Meridian Oil. He and his wife live in Houston, Texas.

James A. Mowery '76, MEd '81, is the Athens County Veterans Services Officer. He and his wife live in Athens.

Toby B. Plummer '76, a U.S. Marine captain, received the Navy Commendation Medal for his outstanding leadership and managerial skills during one of the Navy's amphibious exercises, Team Spirit '86 and '87.

Christopher E. Press '76 is vice president of marketing and planning for the Franciscan Health System. He and his family live in Cincinnati.

Matthew W. Schwartz '76 is a correspondent at WWOV-TV, Channel 9 in New York City. He has won several awards for his reporting.

Edward M. Breen Jr. '77, MA '83, opened a new branch office for Southmark Financial Services in Plainfield, N.J.

Kimberly Burleigh '77 was a featured artist in Galleries. She is currently a visiting assistant professor of art at Ohio University. She earned her MFA from Indiana University.

Daniel C. Davis '77 is a reporter for KTVK-TV, an ABC affiliate in Phoenix, Ariz.

Susan A. Gaul Enlow '77 was elected to Epilon Chapter of Ohio Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. She is a medical student at Wright State University and is married to **Mark A. Enlow Jr. '77**.

Benson T. Nicholl '77 was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Marine Products and Services. He is employed as national sales manager for Tomco Products Co. He and his family live in Chagrin Falls.

R. Douglas Reader '77 was promoted to senior controls engineer at Outburn's Plastic Plant in Ebersburg, W.Va. He and his wife, **Katherine L. Daft Reader '76, MEd '80**, live in Belpre.

Eileen Palmer Reeves '77 was named 1987 Ross County Nurse of the Year. She volunteers with the bloodmobile unit of the Ross County Red Cross Chapter. She retired from practicing nursing in 1978 and lives in Chillicothe.

Kim R. Scovill '77, MA '78, earned his JD from Capital University in 1981. He was recently promoted to staff manager, corporate issues-doctor management, at Cincinnati Bell Telephone. Before joining CBT he served as an administrative law judge and utility administrator at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. He is the author of *An Introduction to the Regulation of Telecommunications*.



Lynn B. Rubenson. BSU '74 Glenn W. Pellet. BARCH '74

David C. Wilhelm '77, a political consultant, is running for the position of District 10 U.S. Representative. He was formerly state coordinator for Illinois Senator Paul Simon's presidential campaign.

Sarah A. Winters '77 is director of Starlight Enterprises Inc. in New Philadelphia.

Mark F. Abell '78 is executive director of admissions and financial aid at Rio Grande College and Community College. He and his family live in Jackson.

Randall C. Anstine '78 is a partner in the international accounting firm of Ernst & Whinney. He and his wife, **Lori Zoel Anstine '78**, live in Columbus.

Linda J. Gaudiff '78 is an art teacher at Campbellsville College in Campbellsville, Ky.

Robert W. Deraska, MA '78, is director of human resources at Grady Memorial Hospital in Worthington. He and his wife, **Debra Pies Deraska, MEd '77**, live in Rockbridge.

Douglas F. Drew '78 is assistant news director for KTSF-TV, a CBS affiliate in Phoenix, Ariz.

Ivan T. Gearhart '78 was promoted to corporate product manager at Capital Business Systems Inc. in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Linda J. Matis '78 teaches French and English at Skyview High School in St. Clairsville.

Robert C. Miller '78 is national promotion director at Youth for Christ USA in Wheaton, Ill. He recently received an "Outstanding Young Man in America" award.

Jane A. Tuman-Serna '78 is an instructor of communications at Berry College in Rome, Ga.

Aaron W. Walker '78 was chosen 1987 Trooper of the Year at the Sandusky post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Paul R. Wohlfarth '78 was promoted to principal process compliance analyst in the Timken Co.'s Bearing Division. He and his wife, **Patricia A. Heintzel Wohlfarth '79**, live in Canton.

Debra Jo Cohen '79 received her PhD in labor and human resources from Ohio State University and is assistant professor in the School of Business Administration at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Ann W. Winfield Daniels, MA '79, director of nursing services at Holzer, was the featured speaker at the Holzer Medical Center Volunteer Chaplains Association Appreciation Luncheon and Annual Meeting in February. She lives in Gallipolis.

James R. Hays '79 joined the Union Township Police Department after seven years with the Los Angeles Police Department. He is married to **Patricia Hewett Hays '78**.

Randy S. Mausolf '79 works for Marlow-Kennedy Corp.'s Commercial Real Estate Brokerage office in Long Beach, Calif.

Roger S. McDowell '79 is an account specialist for Inland Steel Co. He lives in Clarendon Hills, Ill.

Daniel J. Volechok '79, MBA '80, is assistant director of Ohio Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society at the Mountsides Campus of Columbus University in New York.

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1980's

Edwin L. Baker '80 was awarded the Automotive Hall of Fame's 1987 Award for Young Leadership and Excellence. He is senior manager of automotive assembly for Honda of America Manufacturing in Marysville.

Terrence Hill Clark '80 works for Approved Pharmaceutical Corp. as manager of marketing administration in Syracuse, NY.

William Allen Foley, MBA '80, was appointed general manager of O.M. Scott & Sons, Co.'s consumer business group in Marysville. Scott is the nation's leading producer and marketer of lawn and garden products.

Steve M. French '80 works at WSLR/WKOD radio as a sportscaster. He lives in Siles.

Thomas M. Gamble '80 was promoted to district director of the Greater Cleveland Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He lives in Bedford Heights.

Leanna J. George '80 is school nurse for the Bellefonte City Schools.

Kevin E. Kelly '80 works for Rio Grande and Community College as associate director of college relations and sports information director. He lives in Belpre.

Richard D. Levy '80 is membership manager for New Hampshire Public Television in Durham. N.H. Lisa Roberts Levy '81 is a designer for Royal Design Builders Inc. in Hampton, N.H.

Robin Schultz Pawlec '80 is a physical therapist at Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital, Cleveland. She is married to Timothy W. Pawlec '82.

Gregory A. Pfiel '80 flies with Piedmont Airlines. An aerobics specialist, he also flies a red Pitta Special S-18 bi-plane as an advertisement for Red Roof Inns, Inc. in Pittsburgh. He lives in Gateway.

Paul R. Raab '80 is director of corporate communications for the Yankee Gas Co. He and his wife, Karen Sue Raab Raab '78, BGS '80, live in Worthington.

John J. Ullman '80, MA '82, has joined Hydromatic Pumps, a division of the Marley Pump Co., as manager of human resources. He and his family live in Mansfield.

David W. Attaway '81 is assistant vice president of marketing at Caesars Tahoe in Stateline, Nev.

A. Bruce Bahlav '81 was elected a vice president of Emanuel and Co., Investment Bankers, Wall Street, New York.

Eric W. Hilton '83, MSPE '86, is Shawnee State University's newest admissions representative.

Hedi S. Sarti Kramer, MM '83, performed as part of the Malone College Faculty-Artist Series at Malone College. She earned a DMA from the University of Texas at Austin and teaches part-time at Malone. She and her husband, baritone Ken Kramer, live in Cuyahoga Falls and both are performers with the Ohio Light Opera.

Richard C. Lewis '83, '84, is business and marketing manager for the Ohio School Boards Association. He lives in Powell.

Greg Stemen '83 is marketing research manager at Longaberger Co., a nationwide producer of handwoven baskets. He lives in Zanesville.

Karen Sue Abner '84 had some of her photographs published in *Gazette*. She lives in Cleveland.

Scott E. Albery '84 joined Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, a legal firm in Akron.

Kimberli Bolick '84 is the administrator of Centerville Nursing Center in Columbus.

Joanne Marie Daragon Cassan '84 opened The Image Bank, an advertising firm in Dublin.

David J. Craig '84 was promoted to personnel manager for Jerry's Family Restaurants and Florentia Italian Restaurants. He lives in Lexington, Ky.

Barbara F. Gesel '84 is a staff attorney for Toledo Edison Co. in Toledo.

Kenneth W. Gmoser '84 is director of convention services at the Concord Resort Hotel in upstate New York. He lives in Tuckahoe, NY.

Elizabeth B. John '84 recently had a show of her paintings at Karamu Proscenium Gallery in Cleveland. She is also director of telemarketing and fund raising at Cleveland Playhouse.

Glendale E. Ogletree Joos '84 works at WTRH-TV, an NBC affiliate in Indianapolis, Ind.

Scott E. Mathews '84 joined the staff of Outside Business Magazine as western advertising manager with offices in San Francisco.

Joe A. Steinbrecher '84, a doctoral student at Indiana University, was inducted into Phi Lambda Theta, the national honor and professional association in education.

Paul Michael Stephenson '84 is technical assistant, coating, at Chilpanco Mill of Mead Paper Co. He lives in Jackson.

Steven L. Swart '84 is a systems and financial controls analyst with Nationwide Insurance in Columbus.

Jay A. Uish '84 was named outside salesman at 84 Lumber in Ann Arbor, Mich. He is responsible for acquiring and maintaining new contractor accounts.

Rhonda M. Warner Varholo '84 was named Employee of the Year at Summit Acres Nursing Home, Caldwell. Varholo, who lives in Summitfield, is a registered nurse supervisor and skilled coordinator at Summit Acres.

Jazean Pauline Walker '84, MSA '86, is director of sports promotions and ticket manager for the Wright State University athletic department. She lives in Kettering.



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William J. Blas '81 was named administrator of the Americare-Pomeroy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Pomeroy in February. He is a member of the American College of Health Care Administrators.

Christopher F. Cassan '81 was promoted to general manager of Hamilton/Anet Electronics in Westerville.

Brian Dennis Liles '81 is program director and afternoon personality at WKFM-FM in Syracuse, NY. Lyane M. Dumble Liles '81 is the public relations director of the Syracuse Jewish Community Center.

Sievert E. Kocha '81 is an account executive with McKinney Public Relations in Chicago.

Patricia Ann Lee '81 is senior analyst in the cardholder services division of Franklin Financial Services, a division of BancOhio National Bank, Columbus.

Robert F. Linton Jr. '81 is a litigation associate with Weston, Hurd, Falton, Paisley & Howley, a Cleveland law firm.

Joseph R. Preserer '81 is general manager of the Tulsa Toxic Drillers, in Tulsa.

Carle A. Salasido '81 was promoted to outside classified sales representative for the Xenta Dental Gazette. She lives in Xenia.

Kirstin L. Sheets '81 was promoted to assistant vice president as director of marketing and quality for Bank One in Cincinnati. The bank operates 15 offices and has total assets of \$350 million.

Irving (Skip) Weisman '81 is general manager for the Greengarden, N.C. (South Atlantic) Horrets.

Lori A. Klinger '82 was promoted to retail advertising sales supervisor for The Marietta Times. She lives in Watertford.

John R. Linscott Jr. '82 is a resident doctor at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, specializing in internal medicine.

Robert L. Madwell '82 is sales manager, sales administration, in Robert Corp.'s U.S. sales and marketing organization. He lives in Englewood.

Mark A. Piazza '82 is branch manager at the Yorkville Bank One office. He lives in Bridgeport.

Evan Stephana '82, MFA '86, is executive director of OR-ACLE, a cultural arts organization headquartered at Rio Grande College.

David B. Underwood '82, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class, participated in exercises with a NATO task force with the Navy. He is stationed in Norfolk, Va.

James P. Weas, MBA '82, vice president and chief operations officer of Mercy Hospital, will be inducted into the American College of Health Care Executives in August. He and his family live in Portsmouth.

Robert M. Baginski, PhD '82, is director of communications at Cleveland Consulting Associates, an international logistics management and information systems consulting firm. His wife, **Anh Phan-Baginski '81**, is a medical technologist in the immunology lab at the University Hospitals of Cleveland. They and their son live in Cleveland Heights.

Lawrence P. Hartz '83 was elected vice president, treasurer, and chief financial officer of National Gas and Oil Corp. of Newark and subsidiaries. He earned an MBA from Ohio State University and lives in Newark.



Susan Gauli Enlow,
BS '77



Paul R. Wohlfarth,
BSEE '78

Zed L. Curt E. Darius '85 received his silver wings at Reese Air Force Base, Texas.

Kathleen Wallick Donchess '85 is a public relations specialist for the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland. She is also the editor of the museum's monthly publication, *OMSI Magazine*. She is married to **James Michael Donchess '85**.

Kathryn S. Hennis '85 is marketing coordinator of Macola, Inc., a software publishing firm in Marion.

Rohla M. Layton '85 was one five honorable mention winners in Life magazine's photo competition. She lives in Richmond, Va.

Patricia Ann Mercer, MA '85, serves as interim director of Apple-Link Inc., a business affiliate of the Vinton County Economic Development Cooperative. The worker-owned business markets handmade children's clothing and vestments for preteens.

Douglas W. Mock '85 is administrator at Heartland of Jackson, a retirement and health care facility in Jackson. He earned a master's in community health administration from the University of Oregon.

Steven A. Slate '85 is a senior claim examiner within the Health Department of State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. in Newark.

John Eric Wagner '85 is consulting engineer for transmission with Paramount Design Inc. in Overland Park, Kans.

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After 41 years, the one and only— Coach Kermit Blosser Retires

KERMIT BLOSSER has coached golf at the same university for 41 years, and he's been married to the same woman for 52 years. Despite the fact that the 77-year-old Blosser is going blind, one rarely hears him complain.

He says he has lived a good life.

"I think the Good Lord has taken care of me," Blosser says. "There's no question about that."

Kermit Blosser is the only golf coach Ohio University has ever had. He began coaching the sport in Athens in 1946-47, the same year the Mid-American Conference started holding a golf tournament.

In the 41 years since, he won more championships — 18 — than any other coach in MAC history. His most famous player, Dow Finsterwald, went on to win 12 PGA Tour events, including the 1958 PGA championship.

Ohio University's first national champion when in 1932 he won the 191-pound wrestling title, Blosser was elected to the second class of the Ohio University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1966. In 1980, he was among the charter members elected to the NCAA Golf Coaches Hall of Fame. And in March, Blosser was named to the charter class of the MAC Hall of Fame.

There is little Blosser has not accomplished. So, nearly 12 years after he "officially retired" from the University, Blosser is retiring again. He is giving up his part-time job as golf coach, closing the book on one of the most distinguished careers in Ohio University athletic history.

"There will never be another story written about a man like Kermit," says Ohio University athletic director Harold McElhaney, "because they don't make them like Kermit anymore. His accomplishments were unparalleled."

A graduate of the Great Depression and World War II, Blosser, Ohio University class of '32, was a two-way starting end on Bobcat football teams that won three consecutive Buckeye Conference titles from 1929 to 1931.

In 1946, Ohio University athletic director Don Peden, Blosser's ex-football coach, convinced his ex-pupil to return to Athens to coach golf. In what has become a legendary story, Blosser told Peden he didn't play the game and knew little about it. Peden proceeded to tell Blosser that he would learn.

Peden was right. Within three years, Blosser was a near-scratch golfer. Within five years, his team had won a MAC title.

"I found that the game was not that tough, that you just had to have a lot of confidence," Blosser says. "I had won a national championship in wrestling, and the thing about winning a national championship is that it gives you the confidence to go out and beat anybody in anything."

"I've carried that over into my coaching. Confidence is a great trait to have. I wish I could have instilled that in every one of my players, but I never learned the secret formula."

Blosser certainly knew the ingredient for winning. His teams won five consecutive MAC titles, before losing in 1956. He then put together another string of championships from 1957 to '61.

Blosser's record in the early years was even more amazing when you consider he coached three different sports from 1946 to 1953. In the fall, he was an assistant football coach. In the winter, he was an assistant to basketball coach Jim Snyder. In the spring, he coached golf. He also taught three classes a day.

"We didn't specialize in one sport like you do now," Blosser says.

More than the championships, more than the victories, the one thing Blosser says he cherishes most about his 41-year coaching career are the relationships he has developed with his former players and their families.

Each year, Blosser writes an "alumni newsletter" that is sent to 300 of his golf alumni and friends. It's Blosser's way of staying in touch and raising funds for the golf program.

"I'd say we've got close to \$400,000 in the Blosser Fund for the program," Blosser says. He says the money helps offset the fact that Ohio University, like all MAC schools, is limited to two grants-in-aid for golf.

Blosser stays active. For the past 25 years, he has gone through a morning exercise routine of sit-ups and short knee bends, and walked the two miles from his home to campus. He also continues to play golf three to four times a week during the summer months.

"And I play blind," he says.

Blosser has suffered from a degeneration of the retina for the past 11 years. Legally blind since 1977 and unable to drive, Blosser has little depth perception.

"I have peripheral vision, but when I hit a golf ball I can't follow it very far," he says. "I have my playing partner watch the ball for me."

"But my famous statement on No. 1 tee is: I may be blind but don't bet on it. I still play for a dollar a hole, and I still win some."

Blosser says he intends to help Ohio University's new golf coach get in the swing of things. No one expected anything less.

"All the rewards I've received have been great," he says, "but it's what you do for other people that counts the most."

"My whole life has been very rewarding. I never thought of my job as work. It was a hobby. It was something I looked forward to every morning."



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